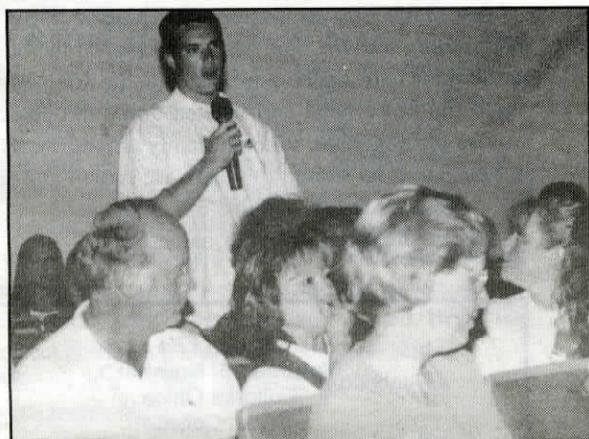




## Welcome Week introduces new class to Bryan family



Adam King of Marietta, Ga., introduces himself during the first orientation session as the 1999-2000 school year began in August.

"Welcome. We've been praying for you." Dr. William E. Brown welcomed new students and their parents with those words as Bryan's 70th academic year began in August. That first week — Welcome Week — was bracketed by prayer and a challenge to live as lights in a dark age.

In between, new students got to know each other, returning students moved back into residence halls and they all went about the business of starting a new school year.

Most of the new students were on hand for the first orientation meeting on Saturday afternoon when Dr. Brown told them and their parents that the Bryan family has been praying for them, even before they chose Bryan as their college.

He said the college just that week had been informed of its sixth consecutive ranking by *U.S. News & World Report* as a Top Tier Southern liberal arts college. "We emphasize not only academics," he added, "we stress Christ Above All so you can leave here prepared to make a difference in the world."

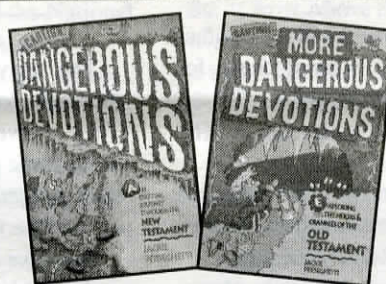
A highlight of that meeting is when students introduce themselves and tell what they plan for their major. Almost a quarter were uncertain about their majors, about a fifth plan to study to be teachers and the natural sciences and communication arts captured about 10 percent each.

As students broke up into their small groups, parents met with Dr. Brown and other administrators for their own orientation session. Dr. Brown urged parents to "pray for your sons and daughters, that God will use

them, that they will get in with people who will help them grow, that they will help other people grow and that they will get excited about loving and serving our Lord."

He reminded them that a liberal arts education at Bryan is designed to help students "make a variety of choices. We want them to know the basics about thinking and dealing with people." Choice of a major

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Jackie Perseghetti, '82, has written two "dangerous" books, focusing on the Old and New Testaments. See a profile of Jackie on Page 4.

### Bryan by the numbers

	1999	1998
New students . . . . .	167	177
Returning students . . . . .	317	290
Part-time students . . . . .	28	22
ASPIRE students . . . . .	45	40
TOTAL . . . . .	557	529

#### Entering Class Statistics

States . . . . .	22
Foreign countries (Brazil, Korea) . . . . .	2
Mean high school grade average . . . . .	3.6
25 percent have a high school average of 3.94 or better	
Mean ACT college entrance test score	24
Christian/private high schools . . . . .	33%
Home schools . . . . .	15%
Public schools . . . . .	50%
GED graduates . . . . .	2%
Male . . . . .	40%
Female . . . . .	60%

### Bryan ranked among the top

For the sixth year in a row, Bryan College has been ranked among the Top Regional Liberal Arts Colleges in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Rankings are based on information supplied the magazine and include evaluation of criteria including graduation and retention rates, size of classes, student-faculty ratio and percentage of students in the top quarter of their high school classes.

Tom Shaw, dean of enrollment management, said, "We're pleased to receive this recognition from *U.S. News and World Report* for the sixth straight year. We're striving to improve our level of excellence primarily for the benefit of our students, but it's always nice to receive this type of national acknowledgment of our quality."

The *U.S. News* data show Bryan is among regional leaders in the rate for students returning to the college after their first year and percentage of classes with fewer than 20 or more than 50 students.

Bryan's emphasis on strong academic performance is reflected in the fact that 50 percent of entering students ranked in the top quarter of their high school classes, and half the students scored between 19 and 26 on their ACT college entrance exam.



Rated a top tier Southern Liberal Arts College by *U.S. News & World Report*

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Each year, Bryan College recognizes a few members of the entering freshman class as Presidential Scholars. Meet the new group of outstanding students on. . . . . Page 3

Fall means it's time for soccer and volleyball, and the Lions are ready to take on all challengers on the field and court. See an introduction to the teams on . . . . . Page 6



## 'Is your name Jesus?'

When I ask people to give me words describing Christians, the most common are "anti-abortion," "anti-Clinton" and "narrow-minded." I would rather hear attributes such as "loving," "charitable" or "moral."

Why are we known for what we are against rather than what we are for? Is our negative image earned or is it flip-pant to blame the perceptions on a jaded and biased media? Whether we like it or not, media-perception is reality for most people.

Whatever the reason, such negative perceptions are nothing new. In the first century, Christians were called "atheists," "cannibals" and "anarchists." Everything about the early Christian movement was suspect and interpreted as dangerous to society and the government. Early morning meetings, rumors of "eating flesh," love feasts and hymns to Christ as God all smacked of a secret society.

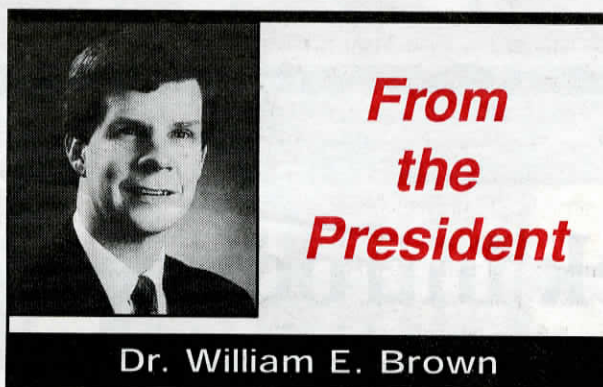
When Nero began to blame the Christians for the fire in Rome in AD 64, he embarked on a serious campaign to discredit and destroy the Christian community around Rome. In AD 112, Pliny the Younger was concerned about the influence of the Christians in Asia Minor. Not only was the religion spreading throughout his regime but pagan temples were emptied and the meat of sacrificial animals could not be sold. At first he tried execution and was perplexed at the tenacity of the Christians. He then used torture to discover the truth about Christianity and was distressed to find that its beliefs and practices seemed so innocuous.

But the persecutions continued on and off for another two centuries. Christians became the official cause for natural calamities. One ancient historian wrote: "If the Tiber rises too high or the Nile too low, the cry is 'The Christians to the lion.'"

How did this persecuted, misunderstood and ridiculed group of followers survive and succeed amidst the powerful public relations onslaught of the Roman Empire?

The answer, according to Oxford historian Henry Chadwick, is simple: "The practical application of charity was probably the most potent single cause of the Christian success." Pagans were amazed at the depth of Christian love. "See how these Christians love each other," Tertullian quoted them as saying. Christians distinguished themselves by caring for the poor, widows, orphans and prisoners. They aggressively pursued social action in times of famine, pestilence or war. They provided hospitality to travelers and burial for the poor.

Other historians point out that the early Christians were remarkable because of their moral stance. They refused to



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Dr. William E. Brown

engage in abortion or infanticide, practices common among the Greeks and Romans at the time. One recent history book even claims that Christians were able to survive famine, disease and persecution because of their strong moral practices and their communal concern.

**"By this shall all  
men know you  
are my disciples. . . ."  
(John 13:35).**

The early Christians were a threat to the government precisely for the reason Jesus was considered a menace: They answered to One higher than Caesar himself. The sheer force of the Christians' moral authority and acts of love molded the movement and the people into the image of the One who saved them.

How we reflect the person of Christ can never be measured by our success at winning public relations battles. The small, personal details of life authenticate one's faith. "There is an infinite power in small things," G. K. Chesterton reminds us.

In a world dominated by secular worldviews, the truths of Christianity will always be distorted, parodied and ridiculed but the actions of Christians will either validate or deny our faith in the One we follow. "By this shall all men know you are my disciples. . . ." (John 13:35).

With this challenge in mind, Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia told the following story at the 1990 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

## Bryan honors trustees

Over the past year, the Bryan College family has mourned the passing of three members of the college board of trustees, even as we have rejoiced in the memory of their service to our Lord and this institution.



Earle Stevens

The Rev. Earle Stevens, a trustee since 1965; John Bruehl, a trustee since 1984; and Jack Allison, a trustee since 1995, each came to the board for different reasons, each having different interests in the college, but each sharing the vision of a school that will "educate students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world."

Mr. Stevens was a pastor in Chattanooga and Memphis, Tenn., before becoming director of Messianic Ministries to Israel in Chattanooga.

Former President Dr. Kenneth G. Hanna said Mr. Stevens' heart as a pastor and passion for preaching and teaching "gave him an appreciation for Bryan's faithfulness to the Word, its adherence to the faith and value placed on spiritual ministry."

Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown said Mr. Stevens' "long-term commitment to Bryan College was one of the most positive aspects of my tenure as president. He sacrificially gave to Bryan because he believed so strongly in its work and ministry."

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It was late one afternoon when Mr. Smith, a businessman in a large city, was rushing to catch the train to his home in the suburbs. It had been a long day and he was in a hurry. If he missed this train he would have to wait for the next one and the weather was dismal.

On the platform he noticed a young boy selling apples on a small stand. Just then a rushed businessman shoved by him and knocked the boy over in his hurry and scattered apples all over the platform. Mr. Smith felt a pang of concern as he walked past the boy. A few steps later guilt got the best of him and wearily turned back to help the boy recover the apples. As he knelt to help, he saw the boy desperately and helplessly trying to gather the apples and he realized that the boy was blind.

After picking up each apple, polishing it on his sleeve and handing it to the boy, Mr. Smith placed the box back on the stand and slipped a \$10 bill into the boy's hand. He patted the boy's head and walked down the platform to wait for the next train. When it finally arrived, he felt a tug on his coat as he started to board. He turned and saw the boy, large tears standing in his unseeing eyes.

"Mister," he asked. "Is your name Jesus?"

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# Presidential scholars



**Ingrid Anderson**

**Ingrid Anderson**, daughter of Gregory and Diane Anderson of Columbia, Mo., received a humanities Presidential Scholarship. She plans to major in liberal arts at Bryan.

Ingrid, a homeschool graduate, won the intermediate class in state National Piano Auditions, has received national honors six years in Bible quizzing and teaches private piano lessons.

She learned about Bryan when Dr. Jeff Myers spoke to a homeschoolers' group in Columbia. "Then we started hearing from different people who knew people who had gone to Bryan or who had thought about going themselves," she said.

"We get *World Magazine*, and Dr. Brown has a column in there. I went to Summit in Colorado, and they recommended Bryan highly. I thought it was neat that Bryan College was willing to be involved with Summit."

Ingrid said she was looking for a Christian college that is "active in wrestling with ideas, has a conservative view of Christianity and is strong in the liberal arts."

"I want to be challenged spiritually, so I want a strong program in Bible. And the other Christian schools I looked at didn't offer languages like I wanted. Bryan has the perfect academic program for me," she said.

While she is a student, she plans to play on the women's tennis team.

She doesn't have specific career plans for after she graduates, but Ingrid said she wants to be involved with sharing the Gospel with people.



**Jewel Gardner**

**Jewel Gardner**, daughter of David and Rebecca Gardner of Margate, Fla., received an education/psychology Presidential Scholarship.

Jewel is a graduate of Boyd Anderson High School in Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., where she was a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the student council, a member of the track team and was involved with drama productions.

She learned of Bryan through her uncle and aunt, Tom, '84, and Dawn, '85, (Shriver) Gardner. But though they highly recommended the school, it was too small and too out-of-the-way to interest her at first.

"My mother encouraged me to come to the Presidential Scholar weekend, and I loved it," she said. "God confirmed this is where He wants me."

After she graduates Jewel wants to teach either in Tennessee, South Florida or South America. "I've been involved with Teen Missions and have spent time overseas. I'd love to be overseas, perhaps teaching MKs," she explained.

While at Bryan she would like to become involved student government and wants to start a cross country team or runners club.



**Keli-Sue Gilmore**

**Keli-Sue Gilmore**, daughter of Ronald and Carol Gilmore of Granite Shoals, Texas, received the natural science Presidential Scholarship and plans to major in mathematics.

Keli-Sue, a graduate of Marble Falls High School in Marble Falls, Texas, was a member of the National Honor Society, the Texas Math League, Interact, Leo Club, the drill team

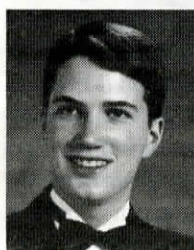
and the speech and debate team. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She first learned about Bryan by way of a mailing from the admissions department, but decided to come to the college after participating in the Presidential Scholar weekend. "God used that to say, 'This is where I want you.'"

It didn't hurt, either, that the information she received periodically presented aspects of the college that were of particular interest to her. PALS, the Big Brother/Big Sister ministry of PCI, caught her eye because it matched the focus of one of her major activities during her senior year in high school.

She plans to become a high school mathematics teacher after graduating, in part because of the impact of several math teachers on her own life. "Ever since fourth grade, I've known in my heart that I'm going to be a high school math teacher," Keli-Sue explained. "Math has always been easy for me, I get excited by it. I've been blessed with several wonderful math teachers in my life, and that's the kind of person I want to be in my students' lives."

Keli-Sue wants to become active in the Hilltop Players and one of the PCI ministries, possibly PALS, while she is at Bryan.



**Ken Miller**

**Ken Miller**, son of Glenn and Linda Miller of Mentone, Ala., received the Presidential Scholarship in Bible.

Ken, a graduate of the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science in Mobile, was a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Drunk Driving, Key Club, the school yearbook staff, played soccer and ran cross country.

He said he has known about Bryan "as long as I can remember. My dad operates Ponderosa Bible Camp, and he gets a lot of his cabin leaders from Bryan."

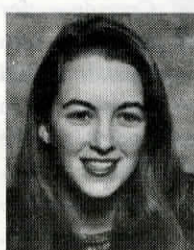
Although Bryan wasn't first on his list of colleges to attend, he was impressed with his first visit to campus, particularly with the way the motto, "Christ Above All," seemed to be lived out.

"I had visited other Christian colleges before my senior year and a lot of them seemed to be Christian in name only. There didn't seem to be any impact on the way they ran things."

"God used Bryan's motto and my winning the Presidential Scholarship to make it clear this is where He wants me."

Ken said he is not sure what he will do after graduation. "God gave me the Presidential Scholarship for His purpose. He has His purpose for my majoring in Bible, so we'll just see what that is."

He plans to participate in the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Bible Education Ministry and Backyard Mission.



**Jennifer Sweeny**

**Jennifer Sweeny**, daughter of Peter and Gloria Sweeny of Chattanooga, Tenn., received the social science Presidential Scholarship. She plans to major in business administration at Bryan.

She is a graduate of Berean Academy in Chattanooga, where she was a member of the honor society, in the choir and competed in academic testing, music and Bible quiz teams at district, state and national levels.

Jennifer said she has "always known about Bryan since it's so close. It's always been in the back of my mind that I might want to go there." Two high school friends were

from Dayton "and were always saying great things about Bryan."

She attended Summit in 1998 and loved the taste of college life that experience gave her. The size of the school and the atmosphere she found on campus also were factors. "I came to the Presidential Scholar weekend, and things were like I thought they would be. That pretty much made up my mind," she said.

Jennifer said she hasn't decided what profession the Lord wants her in after she graduates, so she chose to major in business. "I want to work with people on a personal level, and I thought business would be a good field because it will equip me to grow into what I want to do," she said.

While she is at Bryan, she is considering participating in one of the PCI ministries, and possibly in music or drama.



**Jennifer Vanden Heuvel**

**Jennifer Vanden Heuvel**, daughter of Tony and Julie Vanden Heuvel of Seymour, Wisc., received a humanities Presidential Scholarship. She plans to major in English at Bryan.

She is a graduate of Seymour Community High School, where she was a National Merit Scholar and a member of the Drama, French and Spanish clubs. She was active in forensics and tutored Spanish-speaking children.

Jennifer learned about Bryan through the mail. "I saw the 'Christ Above All' on an envelope and thought I ought to read that letter. It sounded pretty good, and my dad read it too. After that, he opened all the Bryan mail and would point out things he liked to me. Bryan filtered its way to the top of my list."

She visited the campus for the Presidential Scholar weekend and "knew that even if I didn't get the scholarship I wanted to go to Bryan."

Jennifer plans to be a high school English teacher after graduation, and wants to keep the option open to someday teach in college and maybe to write.

She plans to become involved with the PALS ministry.

**Claire Williams**, daughter of Craig and Ginger Williams of Crossville, Tenn., received the Presidential Music Award. She plans to major in music at Bryan.



**Claire Williams**

Claire, a homeschool graduate, was active with the Cumberland Children's Chorus. She participated in the National Piano Playing Auditions and auditioned for the Tennessee Music Teachers' Association.

She learned about Bryan by attending concerts and hearing musical groups such as the Chamber Singers perform. "I love to sing, and I decided I wanted to sing with that group," she said. "Ever since I was about 13 I've wanted to come to Bryan."

While the quality music program was important in her deciding to come, it wasn't the only factor. "I would have come even if Bryan didn't have a good music program," she said. "I liked the attitude I saw when I came to Caravan; everything is focused on God and the spiritual aspects of life."

She hopes to become involved with one of the musical groups as well as one of the PCI ministries while she is a student.

After graduation, however, "I don't have a clue about what I want to do. I just know this is where God has me now. I hope to be involved in some kind of ministry," she said.



# The 'Dangerously Devoted' alum

By Terry Hill

Don't let the title mislead you. It's actually true when you take a look at '82 grad Jackie (Griffin) Perseghetti. Jackie has just finished her second book, *Caution: More Dangerous Devotions*, right on the heels of her first book, *Caution: Dangerous Devotions*, both published by Chariot Victor Publishing.

The two books were written to fill a void in the Christian marketplace for children's devotionals. Little did Jackie realize that the books would have such wide appeal that the publisher would have to change the target audience from children only, to ages 8 and up.

Jackie came to Bryan from Dayton, Ohio, as the result of a birthday card sent by then Admissions Director Zelpha Russell. The card came from Bryan before any other college really showed any interest in her.

"I had an interest in pre-dentistry, but changed my major to Christian Education after taking a class from Dr. (Brian) Richardson," Jackie remarked.

Bryan was a great experience for Jackie and always brings back fond memories.

"I will never forget the night that the second floor of Houston Hall staged a rapture," Jackie recalled. "I was targeted to be one of the ones that was left behind. The whole floor was incredible — empty shoes and socks on the floor next to the beds and in the hallways, running water in the sinks and clothes and underwear strewn on the beds as if bodies disappeared and left them there."

"I have to admit that it tested my faith and made me think," she continued, "but I wasn't really shook. Then all of a sudden, a friend of mine, Teresa, fell on her knees right next to me and prayed to receive Christ. I guess that really made the joke very worthwhile."

She also remembers her good friend, T.J. Salley, and an ongoing feud to see who could best the other.

"One day in class T.J. brought a model of Noah's Ark big enough for a person to sit inside," Jackie explained. "He asked for a volunteer and looked at me. Of course I wasn't afraid of anything he could possibly do to me in



Jackie and Doug Perseghetti, Bethany and Ben.

class. I crawled inside the small ark and sat down. T.J. proceeded to tell the story of Noah's Ark and everything was fine until he got to the part about the rains falling down. T.J. said, 'It rained and rained and rained,' and about the time of the third 'rained,' I felt water on my head and then, whoosh, I was drenched from head to toe as a balloon he had rigged to the inside the ark burst all over me."

After graduation, Jackie returned to Ohio and worked in a Christian bookstore. About a year later she met her husband, Doug, an assistant engineer for Lexis-Nexis, in a singles group at her church. They fell in love and married in 1984. "I am so thankful for God's blessing of Doug in my life."

They have two children, Bethany, 14, and Ben, 11, who are both homeschooled by their mother. "That's how I really got involved in writing," Jackie said. "Because of them I got involved in vacation Bible school at our church and ended up writing three years' worth of VBS programs."

"One year I received my VBS teacher's manual from the prepackaged curriculum and I was really dismayed. The theme was on God's love, which was great. One of the stories, however, was on the Prodigal Son and the lesson ended with the older son storming out of the room, angrily. That was it. Story ended. I was aghast! That wasn't the way you leave the story with your 4- and 5-year-olds."

"I took the curriculum and rewrote the ending," Jackie remarked. "But that just wasn't enough. I had to call the publisher and tell of my displeasure with the ending of the curriculum. I asked to speak to the editor and I very politely

asked them my questions. She very graciously explained that all of their materials were field-tested and in essence said they were satisfied with what they were doing."

"I realized I was doing a poor job of communicating," Jackie explained, "so I briefly told her how I rewrote the ending of the Prodigal Son story. There was a long pause on the line and then the editor said, 'We never thought of teaching it that way. Can you send us a sample of your writing? We'd like to consider you as a writer for upcoming VBS programs.'"

Jackie was then entered into their active writer's file and submitted other works to Tyndale House and Standard Publishing. She landed an assignment with David C. Cook Publishing Co. and eventually wrote more than 60 lessons for their curriculum department. While teaching K-3rd grade at her church with her husband, she got the idea for a daily devotional for kids. David C. Cook liked the idea and *Dangerous Devotions*, based on the New Testament, was published in 1996. It has sold more than 40,000 copies nationwide and in five foreign countries.

Based on the sales of the first book, the publisher asked Jackie to write a second, *More Dangerous Devotions*, based on Old Testament scriptures. It was published this year and sales are doing quite well.

What did the Bryan experience do for Jackie Perseghetti?

"I never realized the education I received at Bryan would be the groundwork for writing Christian books," Jackie commented. "I really appreciate the school motto, Christ Above All, which I sincerely believe is the heartbeat of my alma mater."

What's next for Jackie?

"I'm writing an article for one of the Focus On The Family magazines and I want to do a *Caution: Even More Dangerous Devotions* book in the near future," Jackie noted. "I am learning one thing, for sure, and that's not to commit to fast deadlines before I sign a contract. Then, when (or if) it is wanted, I will gladly say, with great relief, 'Here it is!' Perhaps it can help pay for some of Bethany's tuition at Bryan College in four years."

NOTE: Jackie Perseghetti's books are available in most Christian Bookstores.

## Faculty/Staff Notes

Dr. Steve Barnett visited Notre Dame University this spring for a conference on the history and philosophy of science. He led a discussion during the wrap-up session on the Scopes Trial, William Jennings Bryan and Bryan College as the group reviewed Dr. Ed Larson's book on the trial, *Summer for the Gods*.

Dr. Jeff Bruehl has been elected faculty chair for the 1999-2000 academic year. Dr. Whit Jones has been elected vice chair and Dr. Bill Ketchersid has been elected secretary.

Dr. David Fouts led a group of students on a three-week archeology dig/tour of Israel in May and June. The group spent eight days traveling and seeing sights, from Masada and Engedi to the Golan Heights, and nine days digging at a site north of Jerusalem which scholars believe may be the location of the City of Ai, destroyed by Joshua at the time of the conquest of the Promised Land.

Dr. Bill Ketchersid participated in a mission trip to Jamaica, sponsored by the Holston Conference United Methodist Church July 10-18. His group of 15 helped replace a roof on a church and conducted youth meetings and held a Bible school and helped with another in the Hilltop Community near Black River, Jamaica.

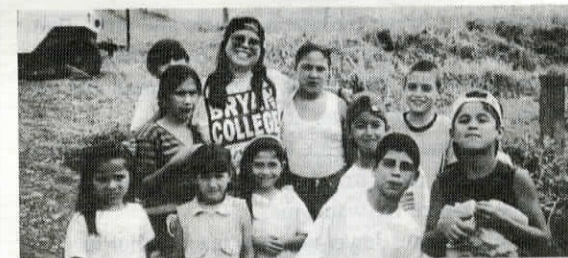


Pictured at their dig site north of Jerusalem is the group from Bryan College with a new friend, Richard Oehme, at left. Suzanne Rogers, Gen Toth, Heather Hammond and Dr. David Fouts.

used basketball as a way to present the Gospel to the players, coaches, team owners and reporters they faced. They also held basketball clinics for young people, reaching another audience. This was Coach Michalski's third trip with AIA.

Ms. Debra Phillips served as a translator for a mission group from three United Methodist churches in the Chattanooga, Tenn., area in August as they traveled to La Suiza, Costa Rica, to help build a church. The 26-member

Mr. Morris Michalski led a basketball team of the Athletes in Action ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ to Poland and Croatia in August. The AIA squad, made up of college athletes,



Debra Phillips and some of her new friends are pictured at La Suiza, Costa Rica, where she spent part of her summer on a mission trip.

team did construction work, held a vacation Bible school and spent a significant amount of time in informal contacts with area youth.

Dr. Kurt Wise and Dr. Stephanie Hartz attended the Baraminology '99 — Creation Biology for the 21st Century conference at Liberty University in August. Dr. Wise led several sections of the conference, which addressed the need for creation biologists to develop classifications of plants and animals into the created kinds spoken of in Scripture. Conference sessions included suggestions for using the young discipline of baraminology in different fields, including molecular biology, developmental biology, cellular biology and paleontology and encouraged participants to devise methods of their own for using the discipline.



## Year in China was a learning experience

They went to teach English, but a year in China was a learning experience for three Bryan students this past school year.

Kelly Griffis, Joshua Hood and Lydia Tallent learned much about China, the Chinese people and themselves as they spent the 1998-99 academic year with the English Language Institute/China teaching in two different cities.

Kelly and Lydia were in the northeast area of China near Korea in Jilin City, "a small city of about 2 million people." Joshua was in Dujaingyan City, "a very small town of about 500,000 people" in the southwest near Tibet.

Adaptability was one of the first lessons they had to learn. Joshua had expected to teach basic English, but wound up teaching high school literature classes to students who were competent in English.

Lydia taught second and tenth grade and Kelly taught first and eighth grade students about 10 hours per week, then spent several evenings a week teaching another class, "but we never knew what it was going to be before we got there."

They enjoyed the teaching, but particularly looked forward to times outside of class when they could meet informally with the Chinese teachers, students and other nationals visiting China.

"We had a lot of freedom," Kelly said. "We made a lot of friends in the city, and it was easy to grab a taxi to go



Kelly Griffis, left, and Lydia Tallent with a friend at a May Day celebration this year.

to town."

Lydia added, "we could go where we wanted any time of day, as long as we met our classes when we were supposed to. Or, we could rearrange the class schedule. They considered our city a small city without much to do, but we found plenty to do."

The Bryan students got to know some of their students well, and Kelly made it a point to either cook an American meal or take them to an American restaurant. Joshua liked to play sports such as basketball, baseball or soccer with his students.

Despite the warmth of their hosts, there still were times when they felt alone. "The year taught me a lot about being

alone with only God," Lydia said. And Joshua added he struggled with loneliness at times, "wondering, 'Why, God, did you bring me over here?'"

But through even that, they found friends to help. Kelly said showing affection to the children, "freed them to love. Some of the girls were crying when we left, and I never expected them to show that kind of emotion. It's neat to think that people over there love us."

Each of them would like to return to China some day, to see more of the vast land they only started to get to know, and maybe to refresh some of the lessons they learned.

"Knowing God was with me taking care of me every day gave me a fresh perspective on life," Joshua said. "For years to come, God will make use of those lessons in my life."

## Students find God at work in hot, crowded India

India is hot and crowded, but God is working there, even through American college students.

Those are some of the lessons Brad Holliday, David Ritterbush and Tim Shetter learned during their trip to India this past summer with Director of Spiritual Formation Matt Benson.

The four spent May 17 to July 12 visiting a variety of ministries throughout India, "and a lot of time traveling" from place to place, crossing the Indian subcontinent from Delhi to Calcutta to the Himalayas.

Matt had been planning the trip for more than a year, wanting to combine discipleship and a cross-cultural experience with a hands-on mission effort. "The value of getting out of our culture is obvious," he said. "To be struck by God, sometimes it's necessary to get out of the familiar. The familiar sometimes is the greatest block to intimacy with God."

"A trip like this also is a chance to see yourself first as a believer, not an American, and to see the Indians first as believers, not Indian, to see the globality of the church."

Brad, David and Tim didn't have goals quite that specific. "At least a part of it was to see how the Lord is working in India and be a part of different ministries," Brad said.

David saw a chance for change in his own life. "I didn't know how God would use the trip, but it was a great opportunity in His hands."

For Tim, it was even simpler. "The only reason I went

was that God said to go. I had no desire to go to India, but God changed my heart, so there was no way I couldn't go."

When they weren't learning things about themselves they were working with different types of national ministries in a variety of settings. In several villages they helped build church buildings, while in others they went from hut to hut, praying with and for the people.

"In two villages, Bryan College's name will be on a plaque because we were the principal guests for the day the church was dedicated," Tim explained.

High points for the two months are centered on aspects of ministry. For Tim, it was a nighttime train ride as they were returning from visiting a leper colony. "There were maybe five people on the train when we started. David played his guitar and we sang praise hymns. By the time we got off the train, the coach was so packed with people listening to us that I couldn't even see David, as close as we were sitting."

Sharing the Gospel with several thousand young people was an unforgettable experience for Brad. And David "really felt the Spirit strengthening me when we were teaching at Calcutta Bible Seminary."

Other than an experience with monkeys in their hotel room, Matt said the thing that struck him most was the zeal of Indian believers for the Lord. "Those in the ministry have no sense of career, but for the need to tell other people about the Lord. Every single person we met will die in the ministry. I'm not talking about martyrdom, but there is no sense of retirement

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John Bruehl

**John Bruehl**, an innovator and entrepreneur in the auto glass business from Normal, Ill., was passionately committed to evangelism and discipleship. His wife, Dorothy, said he was invited to serve on the board by the late Al Page, a friend from the Christian Business Men's Committee.

"Jeff (Bruehl, '76) had gone to Bryan, and John was convinced Bryan was training men and women to serve the Lord around the world and here in the United States."

"John's positive attitude never wavered," Dr. Brown said. "He always knew God was taking care of Bryan College and would continue to do so as long as we continue to disciple young people."



Jack Allison

**Jack Allison's** focus was academics. As financial vice president for Sun Coal Co. in Knoxville, Tenn., he brought a strong business background as well as a commitment to Christian education to his role as trustee. He had served for 10 years on the board of the Christian Academy of

Knoxville, including three terms as president, and had two children attend Bryan before coming on the college board.

His wife, Judy, said, "He was very interested in Christian education. He was very enthusiastic about Bryan, and had a lot of insight for the things Bryan was getting ready to get into with the building program."

Dr. Brown added, "Jack had a great deal of business savvy combined with a strong love for Jesus Christ. Both of these were evident in his enthusiastic support and work on behalf of Bryan College."

over there.

Brad said he came back with "a greater appreciation for what I have here, and a greater realization that God's work doesn't center around me or around Bryan College. It's going on everywhere and includes all people. We're just a small part."

Tim's thoughts turned toward family. "I learned what it means to have a family, to appreciate that even when you can't get to them. And I was impressed with the fact that no matter where I am, no matter what I'm doing, God is in control."

David said he is no longer satisfied with "the world I have made for my self at college and at home."

Matt added that part of the benefit of the trip was the four travelers' learning to deal with the sin in their lives. "There's something about living in close quarters for two months that surfaces sin," he said. "But despite our sinfulness we began to love each other."



## 'Repeat' goal for Lions' soccer

A conference championship in 1998 and a core of experienced returning players have Lions' soccer Coach Dr. Sandy Zensen thinking "repeat" this year.

"We have two seniors — James Hutcheson and Seth Jensen — and about a dozen juniors back this year," Dr. Zensen said. "They will be the backbone of the team this year. They're very talented and experienced. I expect to have a successful season."

But success is going to be determined, in part, by replacing three All Americans lost to graduation — John Gosse at sweeper, Tim Knox at marking back and Abe Hadzic at keeper.

"We will be strong up top and in the midfield on the offensive side of the ball. We have some work to do on defense since we lost our backfield, including the three All Americans," he said.

The coach is expecting James Hutcheson to step into the starting keeper's role. "He's a very capable keeper and should fill the role well for us. He's ready and been waiting for his turn — this is it," he said.

On defense, Brandon Boozer, Chile Mercado, Jason Davidson and Phil Douglas will anchor the defense, backed up by Tim Unsicker, a "strong and quick" athlete who should see significant field time this season.

Coach Zensen is looking to a talented quartet of midfielders, Isidro Loaiza, Moises Drumond, Pete Mitchell and Gonzalo Cenna to control action in their zone.

Gonzalo especially "is going to be the key to our midfield attack," he said.

On top, Vinnie Castillo, who led the team in 1998 with 21 goals, will return, along with Armando Durante at forward. Freshman Salo Franca from Brazil should see action at forward or midfield. "He's a very experienced player and is going to make things happen on the field," Dr. Zensen said.

Pete McGrane is coming off a 1998 season-ending injury and is going to surprise a lot of teams with his size and power, the coach added. Two other freshmen, Ben Carver and Kris Miller, have the potential to make significant contributions to the team, even to break into the starting lineup before the season ends.

The Lions, as defending TVAC champions, enter the year as number one target for the rest of the conference, and Coach Zensen is expecting strong battles from Milligan, Covenant and possibly Montreat. "Milligan will be pressing for us because we beat them 4-1 in the conference championship last year.

"The conference is really strong. We have to come to



Members of the men's soccer team include, from left, front, Armando Durante, Moises Drumond, Chili Mercado, Saulo Franca, James Hutcheson and Daniel Nathan. Second row, manager Cheryl Wood, Jayson Davidson, Pete Mitchell, Vinnie Castillo, Gonzalo Cerna, Kris Miller and Isidro Loaiza. Back are Coach Sandy Zensen, Seth Jensen, Peter McGrane, Ben Carver, Phil Douglas, Tim Unsicker and assistant coaches Gensi Keja and Randy Douglas.

play. Being satisfied with yesterday's success can be deadly, as the 1997 season proved to be. We didn't even make it to the playoffs after we won the conference in '96."

That's a lesson he hopes the juniors — freshmen in 1996 — learned and will apply as they work to earn the TVAC crown in 1999.

## Enthusiasm, talent, confidence keys for Lady Lions

Enthusiasm, new talent and new confidence are assets Lady Lions soccer Coach Marc Neddo hopes to combine into a winning season.

"We are further along at this point in the season this year than we have been in the past four years," Coach Neddo said. "The confidence level is the highest that I've seen this early. I think that's because players see they have talent around them, so they believe good things are going to happen."

The coach is hoping to build on the experience of seniors Hannah Jenkins, sweeper, Mindy Baker, stopper, and Heather Hammond, center-midfielder, as he aims to improve last year's 8-9 record. "Their leadership and experience is invaluable," he said. "I expect them to be the core around which I build the team."

This will be the first year for Hanna at sweeper, but the coach is pleased with her efforts. "I'm impressed with how well she is taking on the role," he said. "She's a natural at it."

And while his seniors may be the core, he is counting on his seven freshmen to make significant contributions as well. With the women's intercollegiate program only in its fourth year, "I have to have current players developing, but I have to have new players ready to contribute. We have to recruit better talent to be competitive in the conference."

As many as five of the freshmen may start, to bolster the Lady Lions' efforts.

"I have high expectations for our freshman keeper, Mya Morrison. She is a solid, high-caliber keeper, and I expect great things from her.

"Sharyn Rose, at midfield-forward, also should make an immediate impact as a freshman, and I foresee Jennifer Wilson developing into a dominant player as well."

Not only have the seniors and freshmen impressed

the coach, he is pleased with the efforts of junior midfielder Lisa Boehmer. "Lisa came back in the best shape I've ever seen her," he said. "Her skills have substantially improved and her enthusiasm is contagious."

The Lady Lions face a 15-game schedule, and he expects the toughest challenges from the TVAC conference foes. "We're still a young program, but I believe our ladies have the ability and desire to make a good showing," Coach Neddo said. "They're working hard and believe in themselves. They may surprise some better teams."



Members of the Lady Lions soccer team include, from left, front, Heather Hammond, Sonia Samuelsen, Marie Soyster, Mya Morrison, Megan Bales, Valerie Petite, Jennifer Wilson and Jennifer Sams. Second row, Sharyn Rose, Hannah Jenkins, Tammy Smith, Jenny James, Mindy Baker and Coach Marc Neddo. Back are Olivia Fagan, Lisa Boehmer, Becky Kalz, manager Winnie Buck and Adrian Dewhurst.

### 1999 Women's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
8/26	<b>Brenau University</b>	Home
8/31	Toccoa Falls	Away
9/4	Martin Methodist	A
9/7	North Georgia College	A
9/11	<b>Bethel</b>	H
9/14	<b>Southern Wesleyan</b>	H
9/18	Brevard	A
9/22	<b>Milligan*</b>	H
9/25	<b>King*</b>	H
10/2	<b>Hannibal-LaGrange</b>	H
10/5	<b>Covenant*</b>	H
10/9	Montreat*	A
10/11	Warren Wilson	A
10/19	TN Wesleyan*	A
10/23	Campbellsville University	A
10/26-30	TVAC Tournament	
11/3-6	NAIA Regional	

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## Volleyball Lions strive to improve TVAC standing

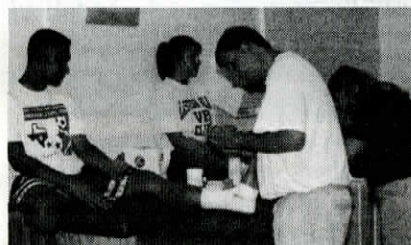
### 1999 Men's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
9/3-4	Bryan Invitational	Home
9/3	Huntington v. Toccoa Falls	
	Bryan v. Union (TN)	
9/4	Union v. Toccoa Falls	
	Bryan v. Huntington	
9/10-11	Mt. Vernon Nazarene Tournament	Away
	TBA	
9/14	Crown College	H
9/18	King College	H
9/21	Toccoa Falls	A
9/25	Bluefield	H
9/29	Covenant	H
10/2	Hannibal-LaGrange	H
10/6	Milligan	H
10/9	Montreat	A
10/12	Cumberland College (KY)	A
10/16	Brevard	A
10/20	TN Wesleyan	A
10/23	Asbury College	H
10/26	Lee University	
10/30	Union (KY)	H
11/1-6	NAIA/NCCAA Regionals	
11/15-20	NCCAA Nationals	

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## Athletic training moves into classroom



Trainers Mike Weller and Michelle Bramlage attend to Vinnie Castillo and Karen Chamberlin in the training room before soccer and volleyball practices.

Athletic training at Bryan College has become something more than simply taking care of athletes — it's now an area of concentration in the Exercise Science major.

There's still the need to know how to tape an ankle or when to use ice or heat to treat an injury, but future trainers must know WHY they do what they do, not just what to do.

Mike Weller, head trainer and assistant professor, explained that the degree requires 33 credit hours as well as 1,200 hours of clinical experience.

"It's primarily a science-based field, just like any other medical profession," he said. "Students must take human anatomy and physiology, chemistry, biology, exercise physiology and kinesiology."

And even at that point, with degree in hand, a prospective trainer still must pass a national board examination before becoming eligible to take an entry-level job at a high school or a sports medicine clinic.

"Soon it's going to be required that all high schools with athletic programs must have a trainer on staff," he said. "That is the case in North Carolina and a few other states already."

To work beyond an entry-level job, such as for a college athletic program, a trainer must go on to earn a master's degree in the field. Mr. Weller and his assistant, Michelle Bramlage, both have master's degrees in athletic training. And the fact that Bryan has two certified trainers also helps establish the potential size of the athletic training major. "The National Athletic Trainers Association has determined

A third-place conference finish a year ago is just a stepping stone for improvement for the Bryan volleyball team this season, Coach Jerri Beck hopes.

"I look for us to do as well as last year, if not better," she said. Last year's record of 20-12 is a mark that is well within reach. (The team was 5-0 as *Bryan Life* went to press in September.)

"We're going to have to work hard, but with the makeup of this team, it's possible to do better," she said.

The 1999 edition of the squad includes four seniors, two juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen.

I'm going to be relying on the seniors heavily for their leadership and game experience," Coach Beck said. Amy Lien, Jessica Miller, Ronda Bruce and Marla Osborne will set the pace for the younger players as they seek to improve their conference standing.

But even Amy has some learning to do, as she has been moved to back to middle hitter from the outside where she played the past two seasons. She played in the middle as a freshman.

The coach is counting on an immediate contribution from sophomore transfer Jenny Heaton, one of the starting setters.

"We have a good group of freshmen who are going to get plenty of playing time," Coach Beck said. "I would like to see them step up their skill level quickly. I think they have the ability to make a significant contribution."

As the season opened, the coach looked for King to present the greatest challenge to the Lady Lions, as well as the rest of the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference. King, undefeated in conference play the past two years, is looking to continue its domination, but Coach Beck hopes her charges will challenge the Bristol, Tenn., squad.

"Milligan will be strong too, but there is nobody in our conference we can count out."

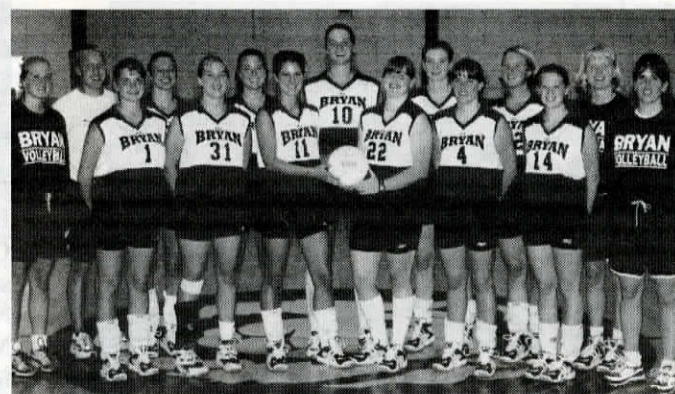
In the NCCAA, the Bryan team finished second to Union a year ago, and "the girls already are talking about getting another chance at them."

that each certified trainer can handle eight students, so we can accommodate as many as 16 in our program." This year, there is one, so there is plenty of room for growth.

Not only did the college have to have certified trainers to develop a major in that field, it had to provide adequate space for the program. To that end, the weight room was moved from its home of the past several years in Summers Gymnasium to a new facility in the basement of the Administration Building and the training room expanded into the vacated space.

With that move, some 1,450 square feet of space is available to treat athletes or do routine preventative procedures such as taping ankles before practices or games.

"We're far better off than we have been," Mr. Weller said. "I think this is the best-equipped facility in our conference, thanks to the generosity of people who support the program. We're not where some larger institutions are, but we're getting close."



Members of the Lions volleyball team include, from left, front, student assistant Cheri Hogrefe, Karen Chamberlin, Kelly Ambrose, Brook Fleming, Jenny Heaton, Jan Moore, Marla Osborne and Coach Jerri Beck. Back are manager Nate Robinson, Laura Smith, Ronda Bruce, Amy Lien, Jessica Miller, Lindsey Hamilton and Asst. Coach Renae Marcus.

### 1999 Volleyball Schedule

9/4	Brenau Univ.	Away
	TN Temple	A
9/7	Johnson Bible	Home
9/10	Bluefield*	A
9/11	Clinch Valley*	A
9/14	TN Temple	H
9/17	Montreat*	A
9/18	King*	A
9/19	Milligan*	A
9/21	Union College	H
9/23	Univ. of the South	A
9/27	Crown	H
9/28	Covenant*	H
10/1	Bluefield*	H
10/2	Clinch Valley*	H
10/5	TN Wesleyan	A
10/8-9	Sewanee Invitational	A
	Sewanee	
	Covenant	
	Lipscomb	
	Loyola	
10/16	Brevard	H
10/19	TN Wesleyan	H
10/22-23	NCCAA Regional	
10/26	Covenant	A
10/29	Montreat*	H
10/30	Milligan*	H
	King	H
11/2	Univ. of South	H
11/4-6	NCCAA Nationals	
11/12-13	TVAC Tourney	
11/19-20	NAIA Regional	

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early on does not lock them into one field for life. And the emphasis on a biblical worldview, beginning with the worldview class all new students must take, helps students examine their Christian faith, as well as other worldviews. “We look at the tough questions, like “If there is a good God, why is there evil?” or, “How can we know the Bible is the Word of God?”

“In a secular environment many, if not most, teens don’t know how to answer those questions. Our goal is for students to have the mind of Christ, and the heart of Christ as well.”

Welcome Week continued with a worship service Sunday morning and visits by the small groups to homes of faculty and staff that night.

Beginning Monday, as the returning students arrived back on campus, the new students took various placement and assessment tests, completed registration and continued the get-acquainted process with each other and with the college.

“Welcome Week is designed to orient students to college life, to help them transition to life at Bryan

College,” Vice President for Student Life Dr. Peter Held said. “This is a very personal effort. Immediately, students are put in to small groups led by upperclassmen, so they have a group they can identify with. They meet quite a bit with the whole class, so it helps to



**Dr. Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., spoke at the Convocation session opening the 1999-2000 school year. At a dinner in his honor before the service, he also spoke with trustees, faculty members and Presidential Scholars and answered questions.**

establish a class identity right away.”

Classes began on Thursday, with the opening Convocation and President’s Reception that evening.

Dr. Albert Mohler Jr., president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., challenged the college family to live a life characterized by discipleship to Christ. “We must



**A team of Juniors competes in the mattress race during games at the opening of school picnic at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Games including kickball, tug-of-war and three-on-three basketball provided the pre-lunch entertainment.**



**Presidential Scholars joined Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown and Convocation speaker Dr. Albert Mohler Jr. for a picture before Convocation as the school year began in August. Pictured from left are Lorraine Gonce, Dara Ballard, Nathaniel Goggans, Damien Daspit, Mitchell Hoskins, Melissa Gann, Judi Toliver, Michelle Mundy, Jennifer Sweeney, Jewel Gardner, Amy Griffiths, Vice President for Student Life Dr. Peter Held, Vice President for Advancement Tom Kemner, Dr. Brown, Dr. Mohler, Academic Vice President Dr. David Masoner, Vice President for Business Dee Mooney, Anndrea Mathers, Kerri Wenzel, Sarah Martin, Sarah White, Ingrid Anderson, Karr Scholar Rebecca Kalz, Jennifer Vanden Heuvel, Claire Williams, Kenneth Miller and Keli-Sue Gilmore.**

understand Christian discipleship as an apologetic calling,” he said. “That must be a major mode of discipleship. Apologetics cannot be reduced to a course in college or books on a shelf.”

Unlike the mindset which denies the truth of the Gospel, the postmodern mind says “whatever” to claims of truth.



**Aug. 21 was moving-in day for freshmen and transfer students. Throughout the morning parades of new students, their families and helpful upperclassmen and faculty and staff moved clothes and other necessities of residence hall life from cars, trucks and vans into the students’ homes away from home.**

“I believe we are called to serve the Kingdom of Christ at a turning point of history. This is a time of great material wealth, but the fundamental structures of society are being undermined. The reality of truth is denied. How do you defend the faith to persons unwilling to make any judgment about truth?”

“We are witnessing the repaganization of western civilization. The old deities are back. There is nothing left to deny.”

Even the church suffers from “great ignorance of biblical truth,” he said.

Drawing from the account in Acts of Paul’s sermon on Mars Hill, Dr. Mohler suggested several ways to be an effective light in modern darkness.

♦ Christian apologetics begins with a provoked spirit. “The sight of a city overrun with idols overcame

Paul. He had spiritual concern, not intellectual scorn. We as American Christians have become too spiritually acculturated. Where is our outrage, our passion to see souls won to Christ.”

♦ Christian apologetics must be focused on gospel proclamation. “The goal is to win souls, not win arguments. Christianity is not just a truth to be affirmed but a Gospel to be received.

♦ Christian apologetics is directed to a spiritual hunger. “Paul recognized

Athenians as a religious people. American culture is increasingly secular, yet the American people are the most religious people in the world. God has placed that hunger in people so they will desire Christ.”

♦ Christian apologetics begins with God’s nature, power and creation.

♦ Christian apologetics confronts error.

♦ Christian apologetics affirms the totality of God’s saving purpose.

“It’s not enough to preach Christ without warning of the threat of hell, judgment and resurrection. Authentic apologetics declares the whole gospel.”

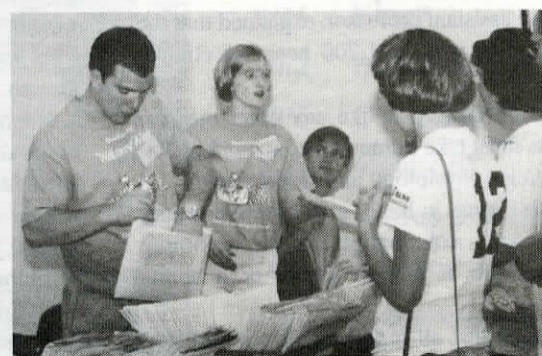
He encouraged the students to “store up knowledge so you can defend the Gospel of Jesus Christ in whatever field you labor. You will bring strange things to the ears of the modern age, but God is sovereign over all things and over all time. This is a wonderful time to serve Jesus Christ.”

Earlier, in a dinner with faculty members, Dr. Mohler congratulated the college “for standing by the principles on which you were founded.” But he challenged the college officials to prepare for difficult times.

“I think we are facing difficult times,” he said. “When we look at evangelicalism, the biggest problem in many of our churches is not heresy — they do not think enough to be heretics. There is no cognitive activity to submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ.”



**Members of the board of trustees said “thank you” to Bryan faculty and staff with a reception that featured banana splits, as the year began. Trustee Chairman Glenn Stophel, right, watches as board members serve up the tasty treats. Pictured from left are Bill Hollin, Dan Dorrill, Herb Sierk, Marble Hensley and Michael Smith.**



**New students were greeted by a host of upperclassmen, who did everything from offer directions to hand out information packets. Clinton Donough, Anndrea Mathers and Micah Odor, from left, help a new student and her parents start the check-in process.**

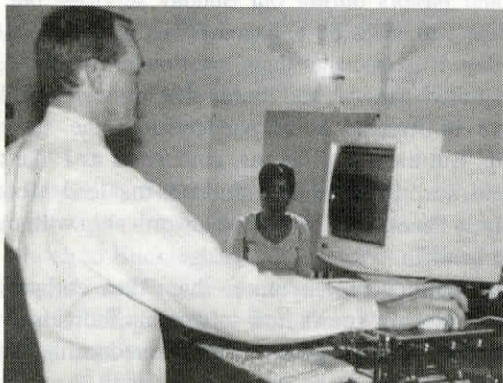
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He challenged institutions that call themselves Christian to "be ready to be isolated islands of light in a new dark age. To be in the mainstream of this culture is to advocate what is not biblical."

He said, too, that it is encouraging that the number of students enrolled in Christian institutions is rising, "but



**Network Administrator Tim Mooney adjusts the computer to take a digital portrait of Ember Davis for the student directory and her identification card.**

what is the impact of our institutions on culture. Too many evangelical Christians embrace all the right things Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, but have no idea on how to apply those things to life. We have a



**Margie Legg, '95, left, and Susan Davis, '74, right, prepare to serve the first wave of students during the all-college picnic at Fall Creek Falls State Park. The Argos provided the meal, including chicken cooked by faculty members, for students, faculty, staff and their families who enjoyed the event.**

generation unarmed for spiritual conflict.

"When Americans tolerate what we now know we will tolerate, we are not winning.

"I believe the model of Christian higher education to



**Freshmen voluntarily participated in a Welcome Week service project by clearing new ball fields in Dayton of rocks. More than one student was heard to ask, "We came to college to pick up rocks?" but city officials expressed their thanks for the help.**

which we are called in the future is a center, perhaps even a monastery, where some folks are called together to keep light and where we are arming ourselves to go out as ambassadors of light, truth and Jesus Christ."

## Relationship with Christ key to life's ties

Life is made up of relationships, but those relationships won't work unless our relationship with Christ is in order, students were told during the Spiritual Life Conference as the new school year began.

Dean Ropp, '81, pastor of Midway Community Baptist Church near Atlanta, Ga., said, "Everything we are revolves around relationships — parents and children, brothers and sisters, children of God, husbands and wives. It is in relationships that we will be able to fulfill the Bryan College mission statement. It is through relationships that Jesus said people would know that we are His disciples."

Mr. Ropp said the primary relationship is with God. "Everything else flows from that." Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love the Lord, and our love for Him, "begins when we understand, realize, receive His love for us.

"Do you realize God loves you? Do you realize you don't deserve it? You have to understand that you bring nothing to the altar except a broken, sinful life. Anything we have done is a gift from God because of His great love for us."

Even after receiving God's love, we must understand the source of our provision is from God, not from other people. Mr. Ropp said one of the problems that trouble relationships is that we look to people to supply needs that can only be met by God.

"Once you learn that your Daddy loves you, you can go on to the second commandment. You don't need somebody else to fill the empty spots. That's where Jesus comes in. Once you enter a relationship (with another person) you aren't there to mooch, you're there to give.

"Relationships fail because we're trying to get something out of other people that they don't have to give."

Truly loving God gives strength and confidence in relationships because our primary relationship and source of strength is with and from God, he said. "God has said, 'I will never leave you.' I can still be hurt, but I still have Jesus taking care of me."

Keeping the deep love of God in mind should help use keep our focus. "Don't try to love your neighbor first; that's the



**Dean Ropp, '81, speaker for the Spiritual Life Conference at the beginning of the fall semester, speaks with students following one of his presentations.**

second commandment. Major in Jesus so you can have something to give."

He recounted the story of the five missionaries martyred by the Aucas as example of men loving their neighbors as themselves. And, he pointed out, wives of those men later served among the people who killed their husbands.

"Love for our neighbors tells us we must forgive, no matter how bad the hurt," Mr. Ropp said. "It's going to cost you, but it won't cost you anything because God is going to take care of you. Part of the deal is that as we have received forgiveness we must forgive."

The consequences of not forgiving are severe. "If we decide we're going to hang on to the hurt and rejection, we're going to live our lives in bitterness with no chance to lie in the fullness that Jesus has promised."

While God holds us responsible for our actions and decisions, he didn't expect us to live life alone. "Yes, it's only Christ who is going to enable us to do it. But God in His grace has put each of us into the Body of Christ. He has given us the Holy Spirit who binds us together with other believers so we don't have to see ourselves as Lone Rangers."

## Summer projects improve campus

New offices, a new classroom and voice mail greeted students when they returned to campus in August.

Tim Hostetler, executive director of operations, said these may have been some of the more noticeable improvements made over the summer but they were only a small part of the work accomplished by the maintenance department.

Two new offices for Bible Department faculty were built in the basement of the Annex, and part of the space there was converted to a classroom. This project, he said, facilitated several faculty moves to provide office space for faculty and staff in the Administration Building as well.

On the ground floor of the Ad Building three rooms have taken about half the space formerly occupied by the Lion's Den. Maxie Green, director of technology services, has moved from his former office on the second floor to new space including his office and a storage room. These are connected to the office/workroom for the BryanNet and Administrative computer networks.

Across the new hall is the new weight room, moved this summer from the gymnasium. More space has been provided for weight training and the athletic trainers have new room to work in the gymnasium. (Please see a related story on Page 7.)

At the other end of the Ad Building the library has grown into the space formerly occupied by the dining room. Mr. Hostetler said a gift paid for shelving from another college which made rearranging library holdings feasible long before college officials thought might be possible.

The former kitchen has been blocked off and is to be devel-

oped into a museum housing the college's origins research, Henning Museum and William Jennings Bryan and Scopes Trial collections.

When students plugged in their telephones, they found the college has added voice mail capabilities to the phone system. Although faculty and staff members have had voice mail for several years the service was not available to students.

Another telephone system improvement is "pinpoint 911" and "cut-through 911" dialing. Now, if someone on campus makes an emergency call, authorities will be able to identify the building and room number from which the call is made, not just that it is from Bryan College. And the call will go through, even if all campus circuits are busy.

"We think this is an important safety feature that we hope we never have to use," Mr. Hostetler said. "But this should cut confusion and speed up response time in case of an emergency."

All this was accomplished while the college was host to nearly 3,000 persons during seven weeks of conferences and special events.

"I think it's a real tribute to our maintenance staff that they were able to accomplish all these projects this summer even while we were trying to be responsive to the needs of our guests," Mr. Hostetler said. "It's a tough job sometime to do some of the things we need done for the school year while the buildings are being used so heavily, but the men have done a great job."



# ALUMNI MATTER

By Brett Roes



## 'Worship' You Keep Using That Word

Few movies have generated as many sermon illustrations as *Chariots of Fire*. For me, however, nothing tops *The Princess Bride* as supreme producer of spiritual analogies. The universal application of the movie's one-liners to most of my real-life predicaments has been uncanny.

Just the other day I had three separate conversations on the subject of worship. As the last discussion was winding down, BANG, I found the words of the Spanish sword fighter, Inigo Montoya, ringing in my ears.

In the movie, Vizzini the Sicilian and Inigo Montoya along with their outlaw gang, are being pursued by the Dread Pirate Roberts. Each time Roberts gains ground on the fleeing group, Vizzini exclaims, "Inconceivable." After the forth time Vizzini uses the word "inconceivable" as a superlative, Inigo Montoya shouts back at him in his magnificent Spanish accent, "You keep ah usezing that word. I do not ah think it meanz, what ah you think it meanz."

Isn't it interesting how we can talk to someone for hours using the same lingo and walk away only to discover in retrospect that we hold a completely different set of definitions for the terms used in our discussion? It is disturbing that worship seemingly has as many different definitions as there are people to discuss it. Sadly, worship has become one of the "don't go there" topics of the church today, taking its place along the side of politics and pneumatology as "taboo" topics for believers.

According to Webster, worship is defined in its noun form as the combination of two words, "worth" and "ship" or better translated, "worth" and "worthy." If a ship is seaworthy, it is worthy to receive everything the sea, with all its variety of conditions, has to offer. As a verb, worship is defined as "an act of expressing extravagant honor." So it is with God — He is worthy to receive every expression of extravagant honor we have to offer. However, the value of worship is not in what it is, but in what it does. Ravi Zacharius in his landmark work *Can*

*Man Live Without God*, sums up worship in the Latin phrase, "E Pluribus Unum" — literally, "Out of the many, one." Worship, of all things, should be something that unites believers corporately. He further explains that worship brings about "unity in diversity" within an individual.

At one time in our educational history, theology was the essential discipline that brought unity to the wide diversity of our academic disciplines. Thus we named the institution the "university." In the same way we as individuals have at our disposal a spiritual discipline created to unify the diversity within our beings. That discipline is worship. Oftentimes we find our human diversities — our intellect, our emotion, our affections, our will, our body, our ambition and so forth — to be at war with each other. The cost of this war is the forfeiture of much peace in our Christian walk. All of these diverse elements are susceptible to sin and its devastating consequences. Oftentimes we find ourselves experiencing victory over sin in certain elements while suffering defeat in others. It is in the discipline of worship, as we literally declare the worth ship of God, that we are forced to yield each of our elemental diversities to the lordship of Christ.

David said in Psalms 9:1a, "I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart." Worship begins often with only one element yielded to God, for example, our intellect. Then we yield our will, our emotion and our affection. Each element of diversity within us joins unanimously in declaring the worth ship of God. Only then are we capable of worshipping God like David did, with our "whole heart," as an integrated whole. On the other hand if we resist His lordship, for example, in our affections, we then disengage our affections from the expression of God's worth ship. Our intellect and bodies may be expressing worth ship to God, but our affections are being directed toward us. Have you ever caught yourself thinking about that new sports car you passed on the way to church, while singing by rote "I Surrender All?" During

the act of worship any focus shifted from God to us is a blatant invitation for pride to establish a stronghold. If our worship does not produce "unity in our diversity," you can be assured it won't produce peace. If "unity in diversity" is not achieved while worshipping individually, "unity in diversity" will never be achieved corporately.

Worship, then, is not a formula exercised by musicians and pastors during our Sunday services, but a discipline that must be engaged by us as individuals every day. It is true that there are timeless traditions, administrative patterns and liturgy that are wonderfully effective in leading us corporately into the act of worship. But these approaches, guideposts as I like to call them, are only tools, helps and aids that lead us corporately in the expression of God's worth ship with our "whole heart."

These guideposts assume that the corporate worshiper already knows how to worship individually. We are on treacherous ground when we reduce the definition of worship to be synonymous with the tools, patterns, aids, music styles and liturgy. The way we approach worship is wholly a matter of preference. Preferences, if not yielded to God in worship, become stumbling blocks of pride, which will lead us ultimately to idolatry. We should, as mature Christians, be able to worship just as effectively while singing Handel's *Messiah* with a 100-voice choir, as when we croon a hymn in the shower. We can enter into God's presence as a unified body while singing a contemporary chorus or just as effectively while sitting alone in dead silence.

What is your definition of worship? Is it synonymous with a tool or liturgical style? Have you ever expressed God's worth ship with your intellect, physical body, emotions, will and affections — all at the same time? Are you in the habit of worshipping with other believers on a regular basis?

I encourage you to use worship to find unity within your "whole heart." There is tremendous peace in the presence of Almighty God. There is also hope for unity and peace for the church body as well when we worship corporately with our "whole hearts."

The next time you are involved in a discussion on worship, attempt your best Spanish accent and ask, "Worship, you keep ah usezing that word. What ah do you think it meanz?"

## Lion Tracks

30's

Reunions

Class of '35  
October '99 (65 years)

40's

Reunions

Class of '40  
October '00 (60 years)  
Class of '45  
October '00 (55 years)

LOUISE POST, '41, lives in a retirement home in Lancaster, Pa., and attends Grace Baptist Church. She has part-time employment at the home by using her hobby of sewing. Bryan friends in the area who have contacted her include DENNIS, '68, and Sue KING, who reported to her about their visit to Bryan for their 20th reunion, and RALPH, '37, and Kay TOLIVER. Louise also remembers KERMIT ZOPFI, '50x, from his Navy days in Atlantic City, when she worked at the YWCA there.

LYMAN '49, and HELEN (PARDEN), '48, GOEHRING, reside in Lakeland, Fla. After being grateful for 74 years of good health (including his missionary career in Brazil), Lyman has had several trips to the hospital to check internal bleeding and have heart tests. Helen recently completed 33 radiation treatments. Lyman sent his thanks for his Golden Diploma and their regrets that they were not able to attend the graduation in May. Helen was present with Lyman at graduation in 1998 to receive her Golden Diploma.



## 50's

### Reunions

*Class of '50*  
May '00 (50 years)

*Class of '55*  
October '99 (45 years)

**ROGER, '50**, and **Phyllis BACON**, from their home in St. Constant, Quebec, commuted each weekend in March to Buckingham, Quebec, for ministry for both English and French congregations. Recently they attended Valleyfield, where they had served 12 years. They have had other encouraging contacts with friends from earlier places of ministry, including Richmond, and they continue to rejoice in the Lord's leading and blessing in their retirement years.

**LEONARD, '51**, and **DONA (BLAINE), '53x, MEZNAR** are encouraged by Dona's stability for the past several months under daughter Andrea's care while Leonard was in Brazil in April and also during a week's visit from daughter **JOAN (MEZNAR) GOUWENS, '78**. Andrea continues to care for her mother since Leonard left again for Brazil on July 27 to be away for about three months, ministering to Jewish believers there, reaching others through visitation and fellowshiping with the couple who took over their retreat center in the Rio de Janeiro area.



Joel and Pauline  
Kettenring

**JOEL, '51**, and **PAULINE (JEWETT), '51x, KETTENRING** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family a little ahead of the official date of Sept. 1, and are still receiving letters and cards in recognition of their faithful years of ministry. They live at 14518 Cedar Rd., University Heights, Ohio, 44122-1002.

**DAVID, '52**, and **MARY (GROVER), '53, NAFF**

returned to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, to help set up ELWA radio station, which had been destroyed in Liberia. After waiting for over six years, the license was granted on March 30. The Naffs extended their stay, facing several weeks of delays, but with God's special provision, the radio station was ready to go on the air when Dave and Mary left on June 17.

**DON, '53**, and **JOYANN (CONLAN), '54x, WALKER**, who now reside in Crawfordsville, Ind., had all six children plus some of their grandchildren last April for a weekend at the first family reunion since 1985. Their son, Matthew, and his wife and nine children were in the U.S. for three months but returned to Germany to continue their ministry. Don and Joyann expected four other teenage grandchildren from Germany to come in August to visit them for six weeks. Don planned to go back to Europe the first week in September.

**AUDREY MAYER, '54**, at the Wycliffe center in Waxhaw, N.C., directed the activities of over 70 volunteers the first two months this year as they assisted in building the Language Science Center. During the summer she returned to California to be a counselor for Wycliffe's Quest program for prospective missionaries. She plans to stay at Waxhaw until November and then

visit her former coworker, Ro, in the Philippines for a two-month vacation.

**RALPH, '54**, and **MELBA (MAYS), '55, MAYNARD** were invited to return to Irian Jaya, where they had served as missionaries for 15 years, and where their son, **TIMOTHY MAYNARD, '83x**, is now a pilot with Missionary Aviation Fellowship. The Maynards left Orlando on Aug. 8, and had a stopover in Los Angeles to see their son, Grady and his wife, Kim. They plan to assist in the school program and have committed themselves to a year of service as the Lord directs.

**JOHN, '54**, and **JOYCE (JOHNSON), '54, RATHBUN** traveled in June to Seoul, Korea, to visit missionaries and other friends whom they had known during their 23 years of service there. Pastor Kim, a graduate from the Eastern Korea Christian College, where the Rathbuns worked in their early years, invited John to speak to his seminary class and then to preach in his church. He reported that six of his classmates were also pastoring in Seoul among its 8,000 churches and a population of 12 million. In August, they spent three weeks with son **JOHN, '80**, and **DEBORAH (HENRY), '80**, and their children, Danielle, 7, and Josh, 6, in Fairbanks, Alaska. In July they helped **JOEL, '82x**, celebrate his 39th birthday, along with his wife, Katrina, and their newest grandchild, Austin, on his first birthday. A week later they spent four days with son Jim and his wife, Kimberly, and daughter, Hanna, who had come from Venezuela for the 100th birthday of Kimberly's grandfather. Daughter Joanna is a personal trainer at a health club and an avid duathlon (running/hiking) trophy winner.

**ALTON, '54**, and **MARY JEAN (McKINLEY), '54, WITTER** are enjoying their retirement in Gaithersburg, Md., and have been traveling extensively this past year. In March-April they visited in Florida including Bibletown and Kennedy Space Center. In July they had a McKinley family reunion in Ohio. In the fall they went to see a nephew and family from New Guinea who were at JAARS in Waxhaw, N.C. Now they are involved in preparing a documentary video of the Aftercare Jail Ministry and using their new computer for E-mail, greeting cards and letters.

**RUTH (STANLEY) BURKETT, '55**, writes from Oregon that she is the grandmother of Allyson Grace, who was born July 1. Allyson weighed 7 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Ruth's daughter, Tammy, and Allyson are both doing well.

**GEORGE, '55**, and Norma **HABERER** report about their missionary visit to Papua New Guinea where George and a helper, Don Garrett, have laid the foundations for two churches, with roofs to be added soon. George had two deacons' seminars, spoke monthly at the local pastor's fellowship, spoke every Sunday evening at the Kerowagi church and served on the field council. Norma spoke at a two-day women's conference involving 14 churches, the first conference of its kind in the Chimbu province. She is also on the language and social committees for the field council. The Haberers were scheduled to leave for a three-month furlough in Kelso, Wash., with plans to return to PNG in August to begin teaching at Goroka Baptist Bible College for nine months.

Roger and **NAOMI (HILDEBRAND), '55, WALKWITZ** launched a living memorial for Ray, Carolyn, Joshua and Benjamin Walkwitz, who were killed in a plane crash last year, by arranging for several veteran Bible teachers of the BIBAK Bible Fellowship in the Philippines join them in Israel for three weeks. Roger and Naomi arrived two weeks ahead to make arrangements and visit with Israeli friends. Nine Israeli pilots

took them out for dinner in old Jaffa in appreciation for the three planes they had rented from Ray for a vacation tour of Florida. Ray had died before they came but Roger and Ron took care of them. The BIBAK team learned biblical historical geography of the land, met Israeli friends and stayed in their homes and saw areas where important Bible events took place. The team also did three cultural presentations in tribal dress, song and dance for Israelis.

**DAVID, '57**, and **KAY (TEMPLE), '55, HENRY** are serving under InterAct Ministries with headquarters in Boring, Ore. Their ministry location is Yakutsk, Siberia, with an E-mail address of henry@yakutia.ru. They are focusing on the 400,000 Sakha (Yakut) people. Last spring they published a hymnal in Sakha with 59 songs, which was used at the First Sakha Christian Conference in Oktyomtsi. They seek to assist the emerging Sakha church in spiritual growth and evangelism. In June they planned to visit the new church building in Krest-Khaljai for their dedication. For the remainder of the summer they expected to be in Fairbanks, Alaska, for vacation and a missions conference.

**JACK, '58**, and Norma **CANADY** recall many significant incidents in their ministry career with Village Missions since they joined in 1958. Now as David approaches 70, he is stepping down as executive director of the mission and seeking the Lord's leading for the next step after they retire on June 30, 2000. They are praying about the possibility of establishing a Christian retirement center on the east coast.

**DEAN, '58**, and Edith **FRANKLIN** are concentrating on training tomorrow's leaders for Caribbean churches. Last January, Dean and Edith attended World Team's international conference in Calitaya, Philippines, with about 80 other mission leaders who met to discuss their thrust for the new millennium and how God wants World Team to invest in the future.

**JERRY, '59**, and **AMY (WILSON), '59x, SMITH**, traveling for Biblical Ministries Worldwide, went to England, Ireland and Scotland in April. They met two couples in Ireland who joined the BMW team of missionaries there. In June, the Smiths celebrated their 40th anniversary with their three daughters planning the special event. They have a full stateside schedule for the rest of the year when Amy will be traveling most of the time with Jerry.

Gary and **ALICE (TOBELMANN), '59 FREDRICKS** in Nairobi, Kenya, spoke at a weekend counseling and training session for a church that one of their Nairobi Institute of Seminary Training students set up. Alice spoke at a church women's conference on child rearing with more than 200 women attending.

## 60's

### Reunions

*Class of '60*  
October '00 (40 years)

*Class of '65*  
October '00 (35 years)

**DAN, '65**, and **LOUISE (GRAHAM), '68, SHEYDA** interrupted their ministry in Brazil for about a month with travel to Charlotte, N.C., in August for Dan's



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cataract surgery and Louise's visit to her parents who plan to return to Brazil with her early in September. The Sheydas were pleased to have their daughter, **RACHEL**, '94, and her husband, **JEREMY**, '94, **SPEERING** spend a week with them in Brazil for Rachel's first visit since 1988. The Sheydas are praying for their replacements when they leave Brazil next summer.

**RON**, '68, and **INGA (STENBERG)**, '68, **NEELY** have been on furlough this year from ministry in Sweden, but Ron and his son, Thomas, returned to Sweden in May to stay until October. Ron has been involved with Bible camp, a summer missions team and forming a committee to work on a new translation of the Swedish Bible. In October they will return to the States to finish their furlough and share further about their work in Sweden.

**MARGE SCHOLZ**, '68, lives in Chicago with her 93- and 92-year-old parents and continues to work with Ethnic Focus staff. They have just finished an update of people in the U.S. and Canada who work with ethnics. She also receives prayer requests from missionaries and compiles them for their staff members.

## 70's

### Reunions

*Class of '75*  
*July '00 (25 years)*

*Class of '70*  
*October '00 (30 years)*

**JACK**, '71, and **ESTHER (OCHERS)**, '72, **LILLEY** finished another year at the university in Mexico City, with Jack having taught 80 students in courses including Jesus of Nazareth, Biblical Interpretation and The Writings of John. Last spring four individuals started regular Bible study with Jack and Esther. In the summer the Lilleys had a family vacation with son John coming from New York where he is new as director of the college recording studio at Houghton College; Jennifer, who was promoted to director of refugee services at World Relief; and Jessica, who has completed her first year in college.



**Ken and Gwen Baker, Catherine, David and Michelle.**

to build relationships and learn the Hausa language. Their new Toyota truck has been a great blessing for such trips as going 200 miles to secure fresh produce about once a month.

**LEROY**, '73, and **BECKIE (CONRAD)**, '72, **NICHOLSON** had a busy schedule this past spring and

summer, with Leroy serving as TEAM's treasurer for the Pakistan field. The Nicholsons finally got their telephone (051-425234) installed. Beckie spent the summer with their sons, Ben and Nathan, at Muree school and Leroy joined them on weekends from Rawalpindi. In mid-August Beckie brought Ben to the States to enroll him in college, while Peter returned to his third year in college.

Steve and **JAN (RASH)**, '74, **TROSTLE** saw the first class held for Portuguese believers at the Lisbon Training Center last April with a six-week course on how to study the Bible and another course in June called "Methods of Teaching the Bible." In September they have scheduled the first course on the master's level for Portuguese pastors. Their children finished their school terms — Stephanie, a freshman in college and Jonathan a sophomore in Malveira, Portugal.

**GEE-GEE (GOAD)**, '75, **YATES** and her husband, Daniel, are living in Grand Prairie, Texas, where they are both teaching in public schools. This past spring, Gee-Gee passed the Ecet exam for English as a Second Language and is now a certified ESL teacher.

**DONNA (JENSEN)**, '76, **CARTER** recently earned her M.Ed. degree in administration and supervision from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tenn. She also received her administrator's license in July. Her husband, **PHIL**, '75, continues as president/owner of RheaCo Services, Inc., in Dayton, Tenn. The Carters have two children, Jeff, a college student majoring in journalism, and Melanie, a senior at Ooltewah High School. Mrs. Irving Jensen, Donna's mother now lives with the family in Chattanooga, Tenn.

John and **RACHAEL (COWAN)**, '76, **SHERWOOD** entertained a missionary from Guyana, South America, who represents a church in Crabwood Creek, where last year John preached to about 30 or 40 people. This year, about 200 are attending services in an extended carport.



**John and Rachael Sherwood, Charissa and Peter.**

**DENNIS**, '77, and **RENA (HANNA)**, '77, **METZGER** are rejoicing to see the growth in their church which has almost doubled its average attendance from last year. To accommodate this larger attendance, they are hoping to buy an adjoining unfinished building which needs extensive work. In response to requests, the Metzgers opened the Alphabetization Center in May in the Baptist church where they serve in San Luis, Argentina. They have had as high as 50 children come and 13 teachers or assistants have volunteered to serve in this ministry. The secretary of education is planning to give them manuals and testing rights, although the school is only held two hours a day.

**DAVID**, '77, and **Lesa TURNER** moved to Mexico from Guatemala to teach at Oaxaca Christian School, which served 55 students this past year. As the first career teacher to go to OCS, David has been asked by the school board to be the principal next year, with the responsibilities to develop facilities and resources. Since this next term they expect to have about 70 students, David is inviting friends who might like to give volunteer service to help paint, build cabinets, shelves and tables, install electrical lines, sew curtains or organize the library.

**MIKE**, '78, and **KATHY (LEVENGOOD)**, '79, **HATHAWAY** had overnight camps in June at

Cumberland Springs Bible Camp in Dayton, Tenn., and day camps for local children in July. **JERRY LEVENGOOD**, '76, was the evening speaker for the teen week. He is the grandson of Tennessee Mountain Mission founder, A. J. Levengood, and son of deceased director and wife, **PAUL**, '42x, and **LILLIAN (HUMMEL)**, '40, **LEVENGOOD**. Progress continues on the Galloway Building so that a game room was used this summer and the dining room, meeting room, and restroom section should be completed soon. Jerry has been appointed principal of Rhea Central Elementary School in Dayton, after serving a number of years as assistant principal.

**JON OTTO**, '78, writes from West Palm Beach, Fla., where he has been serving as principal for The King's Academy for the past 20 years. In August 1998, he received his M. Ed. degree in Christian School Administration from Columbia International University. He and his wife, Liz, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 1.

## 80's

### Reunions

*Class of '85*  
*October '00 (15 years)*

*Class of '80*  
*October '00 (20 years)*

**MARK**, '80, and **Maritza PADGETT** were busy in San Jose, Costa Rica, teaching this past semester at a Bible school. Mark taught "Missions in the Local Church" and "A Survey of Church History." Maritza taught "Intro to the Teaching/Learning Process" in a class which included a lady from Guinea Bissau, Africa, who serves on the board of an orphanage. Mark had a student who was a leader of a fraud theft ring before he was saved in prison, and a couple who planted a church five years ago that now has over 500 members. With their daughters, Stacy, 5, and Rachel, 3, the Padgetts visited family and friends as well as interested churches in May, June and July.

**DAVID**, '80, and **JILL (McCORMICK)**, '81, **SIMPSON**, serving with New Tribes Mission at their training center in Camdenton, Mo., had prefield orientation in June with Jill overseeing the kitchen crew and Dave leading seminars. The couple interacted with small groups and held interviews. In August, David was scheduled to attend the Intermission MK Education Consultation in Colorado Springs, Colo. Their daughter, Kara, attended a French language and culture camp in Bemidji, Minn., and their two sons and younger daughter enjoyed their summer freedom. A group from one of their supporting churches in New Jersey helped them remodel the house into which they were to move in August on NTM property.

**ALLAN**, '81, and **KATHRYN (KINDBERG)**, '82, **COURTRIGHT** find a challenging ministry with the Charlotte Eagles Soccer Club, a division of Missionary Athletes International and a member of the professional United Soccer Leagues. The Courtright's are affiliated with MAI, which is a non-profit Christian soccer organization based in Colorado Springs, Colo. Their daughters, Kim and Katrina, attend Covenant Day School and are active in sports as well as academic



activities. Kathy has experienced extreme fatigue with symptoms similar to chronic fatigue syndrome and requests prayer for God's renewal.

**JACKIE (GRIFFIN), '82, PERSEGHETTI**, author of *"Caution: Dangerous Devotions"* and a new sequel *"More Dangerous Devotions"* was selected with five other authors to attend the National Christian Booksellers Association Convention in Orlando, Fla., in July. Jackie also has several articles which will be featured in *The Godly Christian Woman* magazine and *Focus on the Family's Clubhouse* magazine. Jackie and her husband, Doug, live in Dayton, Ohio, where she homeschools their two children, Bethany, 14, and Ben, 11. Doug is chief computer systems engineer consultant for Lexis/Nexis Information Services in Dayton.

**DICK, '83, and SARA (MURDOCK), '83, HART** with their two sons, Daniel, 6, and David, 4, live in Cochabamba, Bolivia, where they serve with SIM, International. In June they hosted a work team from Apple's Chapel Christian Church in North Carolina. The eight men and two ladies helped to pour cement and paint to finish some boys' cabins at Camp Kewifia where several thousand children and youth attend every year. The Harts continue to train young people who form the puppet/drama team that ministers in various places to present the Gospel.

Dave and **JOY (RUTH), '83, SKINNER** with Operation Mobilization in Papua New Guinea, welcomed friends from the United States to work on their house which now has a new veranda. They acquired a used 12-passenger van, spent their holiday in Australia with Mom and Dad Skinner for two weeks; and Dave and their OM team taught at Christian Leaders Training College for their missions week. From August to November they are involved in ministry with the OM ship "Doulos," which is docking at five ports in PNG.

Peter and **MARY ELLEN (LILLEY), '83x, KLUCK** feel they will be prepared for Y2K by virtue of their experience in Cameroon, Africa, where they have learned to keep reserves of canned tuna and rice, kerosene and matches and barrels of water. They have been especially busy since several missionaries have left on furlough. A major excitement has been the addition of Abbie to their family, which includes son Nathan. Abbie arrived 18 months ago, and they are still in the adoption process. They plan to be on furlough Christmas '99 through July 2000.

Greg and **CHERYL (JOHNSON), '84, RYLE**, who serve with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Bamako, Mali, West Africa, spent the first six months last year on furlough with Greg completing a computer programming course and Cheryl doing some substitute teaching. With their three sons they returned to Mali in June to live in the same house they had left and have the same house help. Their eldest son, Ben, went off to boarding school in the Ivory Coast at International Christian Academy. While Greg continues his aviation work, Cheryl is teaching in their new Bamako Christian School with Matt and Kyle in third and fourth grades.

**JERRY, '84, and CINDY (WILLIAMSON), '84, WALKER** left Papua New Guinea and arrived on Easter in the U.S. to help care for his mother who was ill with cancer. They treasured the time with her and were glad she could be released from pain to be with Jesus on May 4. They continue to live with Jerry's father in Ohio and have been sharing with friends and churches about work and life in PNG. In September they are going to be in Waxhaw, N.C., for some training classes for Jerry. In January they expect to move to

Orlando, Fla., to Wycliffe's new home office to set up short-term mission trips. In June 2000 they plan to return to PNG to pick up the projects Jerry was working on before they left.

Nick and **LORI (TREBING), '84, SENOFISKY** are enjoying the new home that the Lord has provided for them and their three children (William, 7, Joshua, 4, and Lauren, 2) at 114216 Bent Way, Cypress, Texas, just 1/2 mile from Nick's office with East West Ministries, International, near Houston, Texas. They entertained in their home the pastor of a thriving church in Almaty, Kazakstan, that they helped to help start three years ago. In June Nick went to Kursk, Russia, to visit with graduates from the Kursk Pastoral Training Center and then to Almaty to assist in teaching Trinitarianism in the mission seminary there. Lori is joining Nick as they celebrate their ninth anniversary on a trip to the Holy Land.

Keith and **MICHELL (ORTON), '84, ALFORD** announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Kay, on April 22. Emily weighed 5lbs. 2 oz. She joins sisters Adrien and Audrey. The family lives in Conway, Ark.

**MIKE, '85, and Tricia ALFORD** had a wonderful time on their furlough from March until returning to Cape Town, South Africa, in June. They spoke 22 times to churches, ladies' groups, AWANA clubs and schools to share what God is doing in South Africa. They spent one week at Campus Crusade for Christ headquarters in Orlando for a debriefing conference. Now they are excited to be back "home" in Cape Town to enjoy the beginning of winter weather.

Keith and **HEIDI (NIEHOFF), '85, BARKMAN** are located at Cuiaba, Brazil, as they serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They spent April in the village checking scripture and doing further translation and expected to return in July for another four weeks. Keith planned to check the epistles of John with the villagers and then translate Acts in rough draft. The family, including Tim and Hanna, attended Heidi's brother Eric's wedding in Brasilia on July 1. Heidi has symptoms of chronic fatigue syndrome, for which she requests prayer, especially while they are in the village.

**GARY, '85, and DEANNA (FLOWERS), '86, ELLISON** working under the theme, "Mexico City for Christ," welcomed a new opportunity for ministry when their son, John Michael, was born on Aug. 14. Gary has prepared a series of eight lessons entitled, "How to Develop a Heart That Listens to God," which he has taught to three small groups and a Sunday school class at the Maranatha Baptist Church. He is also teaching a course entitled "The Spiritual Life" (of the minister) at the Seminario Teologico Bautista Independiente which started in August with 25 students.

**GENNIFER (SZEGO), '86, and Scott JOHNSON** announce the birth of their fourth child, Hunter Michael, on June 26. Hunter weighed 9 lbs. and 5 oz and was 21 1/2 in. long. Welcoming Hunter to the Johnson family are his brothers and sisters, Mick, 9, Courtney, 6, Julia, 4, and Wyatt, 2. Scott is pastor at Bethel Bible Church in Hamond, Ind. Gennifer is a full-time mom and also serves in different teaching capacities in the church.

**FRED, '87, and JUANITA (TUCKER), '93, DUONG** have moved from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Dallas, Texas, with their three daughters, Rebekah,

Katie and Anna, for Fred to be involved in the manager orientation and development course from mid-August through December at the Wycliffe Training Center. They do not have a final field assignment yet but are drawn to Fred's home in Vietnam and because Juanita's father is a Vietnam veteran.



John and Debbie Kipps, Andrew and Nathan.

**DEBBIE (BARWICK), '87, and John KIPPS** announce the birth of Andrew Benjamin on May 17. Andrew weighed 9 lbs and was welcomed by his big brother Nathan, 2. The family lives in Vienna, Va. **DANIEL, '89, and ELIZABETH**

**(BOOKOUT), '90, CAMPBELL**

announce the birth of their daughter, Hope Elizabeth, on May 29. Hope weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz and was 21 in. long. She joins brothers Paige and William. Daniel is associate



Hope Elizabeth Campbell.

pastor of youth and evangelism at Wayne Hills Baptist Church and Elizabeth continues to work part-time in the emergency room of Augusta Medical Center.

Steve and **DAWN (STACY), '89, HONECKER** at Idyllwild, Calif., maintain their responsibilities with Wycliffe Bible Translators especially for the Quest programs each year for training prospective missionaries. Dawn has been bookkeeper since 1991 for all but two Quest sessions and now is preparing to become one of several member applications' secretaries. She is also training a replacement for her



Steve and Dawn Honecker, Stacie and Heather.

bookkeeping job, so she can devote more time to their daughter, Stacie, as she begins homeschool and to care for their daughter, Heather. Steve is responsible for the west coast operations of Wycliffe's trucking department to assist members of Wycliffe and as many as 150 other evangelical missions with priority to missionaries heading to or returning from overseas destinations. Just when it was most needed, a brand new 1999 Dodge pickup truck with seating for the whole family was God's provision. In February the family traveled to Three Hills, Alberta, and while their daughters stayed with cousins, Steve and Dawn flew to Waxhaw, N.C., for department meetings.

**ALAN, '89, and BETH (HANNA), '91, McMANUS**, who serve with Worldwide Christian Schools, returned to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and helped as much as they could to encourage and assist victims of Hurricane Mitch. Their church helped to build 200 one-room houses, Alan typed Bible verses in Spanish to serve as wall hangings and they also helped distribute tons of



Hunter Michael Johnson.



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clothing and food. The McManuses decided on a change of missions and have joined CAM International and returned to the U.S. to teach at Aurora Christian School, with Beth teaching geometry, Spanish I and girls' ninth grade Bible and Alan teaching sixth grade and a ninth grade Bible class. Their son, Cameron, is being cared for by another teacher's wife.

## 90's

### Reunions

*Class of '90*  
October '00 (10 years)

*Class of '95*  
October '00 (5 years)

**MARK, '90,** and **LADONNA (ROBINSON), '90,** **OLSON** of Pikeville, Tenn., announce the birth of their third child, Sarah Elizabeth, on June 13. Sarah weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. Her two brothers welcome her.

**JENNIFER JONES, '90,** and **Eric Diaz** were married on Aug. 14 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

**DAWN (RAMSEY) GOSS, '90,** was a bridesmaid in the wedding. Jennifer and Eric live at 17737 S.W. 108th Way, Davie, Fla. 33324.



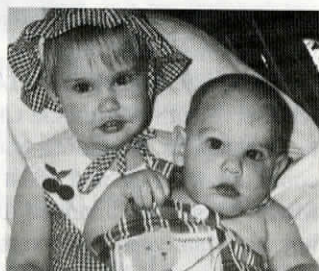
Jennifer and Eric Diaz.



Jennifer Petty Baskette, Marybeth Hall Dahl, Greg and June Dixon, Tamara Miller and Angie Reynolds Highsmith.

**JUNE CRABTREE, '91,** and Greg Dixon were married June 5, in Burlington, N.C. Bryan alumni in the wedding party included Jennifer Petty Baskette, '91x; Marybeth Hall Dahl, '90; Tamara Miller, '92; Angie Reynolds Highsmith, '91; Paulette Philip Woodruff, '91; Ann Barinowski Bryant, '90x; and Lee Crabtree, '93. This fall, June began the master's of social work program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**KEN, '94,** and **SUSAN (DIEBOLD), '92,** **HARRISON** announce the birth of their son, Scott Michael, on Jan. 24. He joined sister Ashlyn. Ken started his own business and is now working full time build-



Ashlyn and Scott Harison.

ing houses and additions. The Harrisons live in Lancaster, S.C.

**KRISTY (GEORGE) FORD, '94,** graduated in May from the Psychological Studies Institute in Atlanta, Ga., with a Masters of Science in Professional Counseling in Christian Counseling. Kristy and her husband, **TYLER, '94,** live in Monroe, Ga.



Caly, Cade and Corban Causey.

**CLAY, '95,** and **PORTIA (STONE), '93** **CAUSEY** write from Dallas, Texas, announcing the birth of Corban Ruth on May 28. Her sister, Caly, 4, and brother, Cade, almost 2, welcome Corban.

**MARK, '95,** and **HEIDI (FAULK), '95, BOOT** were honored at a luncheon as the New Bern (N.C.) Chamber of Commerce Military Family of the Quarter Award. The award was given to the Boots for their community voluntary hours (720 in one year) along with his duties as a Marine leader. Mark and Heidi are involved with the high school group at their church, as well as a community volleyball team. They are stationed at Havelock, N.C.



Karyne and Paul Urquhart, Diana and David Holcomb and Drew, Christy, Olivia and Colton Treischmann.

**DAVID, '94,** and **DIANA (FORBES), '94, HOLCOMB** and **DREW, '93,** and **CHRISTY (TORIZ), '96, TREISCHMANN** welcomed **PAUL, '97,** and **KARYNE (MATHERS), '94, URQUHART** to St. Louis, Mo., in March. Paul is the program director for fitness for the Kirkwood/Webster YMCA and Karyne is working at Mel Bay's Music Center. Drew, Christy, Olivia and Colton moved to St. Louis in July 1998. Drew is working as a claims branch manager for an auto insurance company and Christy is working part-time from home. David is the associate executive director of the Mid County YMCA and Diana is working at a transitional housing program for homeless teenage mothers and their children in St. Louis.

**CARYN (HARRIS), '90,** and Mark **GARNETT** write from Indiana where Matt is attending Grace Seminary in Winona Lake. They have had been working with troubled teens in the Dominican Republic before moving back to the states to pursue a seminary degree.

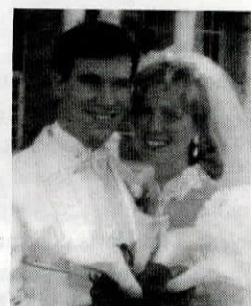
**HERMAN HENDERSON JR., '90,** and his wife, Helen, announce the birth of their son, Austin Shane, on June 10. Austin joins his big brother Clayton, 3. The Hendersons live in Locust Grove, Ga., where Herman works for Delta Air Lines.



Shawn and Melanie Kell.

of honor **MARCIE (TREAT) LAWRENCE, '97,** bridesmaids **ALESA KNOWLES, '94,** and **SUNNY SIMPSON, '94.** Shawn is youth director and associate pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Pa. During the school year Melanie is a substitute teacher, but focuses most of her time on assisting her husband with the youth group.

**DEREK BOLLINGER, '95,** and Julie Tompkins were married on April 10 at Deermeadows Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla. Derek and Julie met because of the forest fires of July 1998 in Flagler County, Fla., when Julie and her mother left their home and traveled north to Jacksonville. On a Sunday morning they attended Deermeadows Baptist Church where Derek attended. Derek and Julie are temporarily living in Dearborn, Mich.



Derek and Julie Bollinger.



Reid and Jennifer Dale.

**JENNIFER (BRASHER) DALE, '96,** writes from Columbia, S.C., announcing her graduation from Columbia International University in August with an M.A. in counseling. She is working for Crossroads Christian Counseling Center in Lexington, S.C., as the Internet Project coordinator.

She is overseeing and designing a counseling center on the Internet for Christians in general but specifically for missionaries and pastors. You can visit the website at [www.christiancounseloronline.com](http://www.christiancounseloronline.com). Jennifer was married to Reid Dale in August 1998. Reid is finishing his last year at CIU and will graduate in May 2000, with an M.A. in counseling.

**GEORGE, '96,** and Jamie **RAEV** announce the birth of their son, Christian Jonathan, on May 29. Christian was 7 lbs., 14 oz. and 22 inches long. George is the new head women's soccer coach for Cisco Junior College in Cisco, Texas and a health and physical education instructor. Jamie will be



Christian Jonathan Raev.

dancing with the Abilene Metropolitan Ballet and choreographing for the Abilene Aviators professional hockey team.

**JODI (HADLOCK), '96** and William **MERRILL** were married on May 22, in Merritt Island, Fla.



Jodi and William Merrill.



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**FAITH WRENN, '96**, of Springfield, Tenn., was Jodi's maid of honor. Jodi is teaching at a Christian school and William is an engineer for NASA. They live in Titusville, Fla.

**ANNETTE SHARPE, '96**, writes from Nashville, Tenn., where she is completing her Master's degree in Nursing at Vanderbilt University. She visited Bryan College for her sister **SUZANNA SHARPE'S, '99**, graduation in May.

**HEATHER BRASHER, '97**, graduated with an M.A. degree in teaching English as a foreign language from Columbia International University in Columbia S.C., and is doing her practicum-teaching English as a foreign language to people in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. After her practicum, she will live in Columbia, S.C.



Timothy and  
Melissa Lien.

**MELISSA CARSON, '97**, and **TIMOTHY LIEN, '97**, were married May 15, at Organinloft on Lookout Mountain, Ga. Bryan alumni in the wedding party included **AMY LIEN, '99**; **MANDY (MAYHOOD) ORNDOFF, '97**; **BECKY (PATTERSON) GRAHAM, '96**; **ROBERT CARSON, '99**; **PAT MUNCEY, '97**; **JEFF BAKER, '97**; **JOHN STONESTREET, '97**; **JEREMY CHEON, '98**; **CLARK ZOELLER, '97**; and **MATT BOSTIC, '97**. Serving at

the reception were **KELLEY MOORE, '97**; **BETH KETCHERSID, '97**; **JENNIFER WILSON '97**; and **MARCY TREAT, '97**. Tim and Melissa live in Aliceville, Ala., where Tim works as director of youth and education at First Presbyterian Church and Melissa teaches second grade at Pickens Academy in Aliceville.



Andy and Robin Sarine and friends.

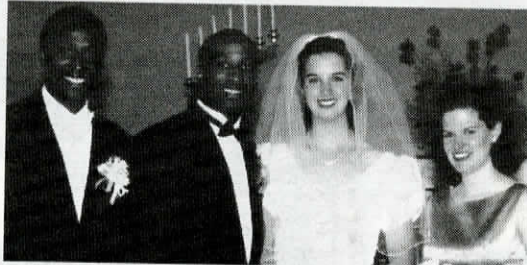
**ANDY SARINE, '98** and **ROBIN OLIVE, '98**, were married Jan. 9 at Colonial Baptist Church in Cary, N.C. They live at 1709 Chasewood Dr., Apt. 9, Charlotte, N.C. 28212 and their e-mail address is Sarine@aol.com.



Matthew and Kristin  
Gilman.

**MATTHEW GILMAN, '99**, and **Kristin Myers** were married May 22, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. Alumni present for the wedding included Matthew's father and best man **BARRY, '69**,

and mother, **NANCY (LEININGER), '68, GILMAN**; groomsmen **CHRIS GILMAN, '94**; **MICHAEL GILMAN, '96**; and **DANIEL FARY, '99**.



Oliver Street, Neville and Karey Johnson and  
Rebekah Paul.

**NEVILLE JOHNSON, '98**, and **KAREY CHANNELL, '99**, were married May 29, in Wheaton, Md. **OLIVER STREET, '99**, and Rebekah Paul, a Bryan senior, were attendants. Others from Bryan attending the wedding included alumni **MELINDA SNEAD, '98**; **HEATHER INGERSOLL, '98**; **EMILY, '99**, and **GENCI, '97, KEJA**; and **LAURA MCDANIEL, '99**; Jack and Patty Duvall; Dr. Ron Petite; and student Jason Scott.

### HONORARY ALUMNI

**CHARLOTTE JENSEN**, widow of former Prof. Dr. Irving Jensen, moved in July from Keystone Heights, Fla., to Chattanooga, Tenn., to live in an apartment near her daughter, Donna, and family. She is the mother of **DONNA (JENSEN), '76**, and **PHIL, '75, CARTER**; Karen (Jensen) Collins, and **ROBERT, '80**, and **REBECCA (WOODALL), '80, JENSEN**. She is happy to be near her friends made during the Jensens' 40 years in Dayton.

**BETTY WYNSEMA**, secretary to the late Dr. T. C. Mercer for more than 20 years, continues to enjoy her home at the Alliance Retirement Center in DeLand, Fla. She is in the assisted living section and is active in missionary prayer meetings as well as regular church attendance.

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**EMILY IMOGENE NICKOLSON, '51**, died Dec. 2, 1998, at Sharon Regional Hospital in Hubbard Township, Ohio. She was a retired writer and editor for Scripture Press and was a teacher at Oak Hills Fellowship in Bemidji, Minn. She also served as a missionary in Nigeria. Her sister, Virginia Scuttillo, survives her.

**MYNA HOYT, '64**, wife of retired professor Garner Hoyt, died June 5, after a battle with cancer. She was buried at Rhea Memory Garden in Dayton, Tenn.

**DWAYNE SCHRAMM, '69**, died April 26, after an automobile accident in Tennessee. He was a resident of LaVergne, Tenn., after a job transfer from Phoenix, Ariz.

**JOIA (HARMON), '75, NEFF** went to be with the Lord April 20. Joia and her husband, Timothy, '75, were missionaries in Brazil.

**MRS. JUDSON (LUCILLE) RUDD, '98**, widow of Bryan's third president, died June 12. Dr. and Mrs. Rudd arrived in Dayton in 1931, with Dr. Rudd to teach mathematics. He became president in 1933 and served 22 years. During his tenure, Mrs. Rudd served as counselor, secretary and college cook and maintained her interest in the college until her homegoing. She is survived by a daughter, **MARY FRANCES CARLSON, '67**, who requests memorials be sent to the college to support a project in Mrs. Rudd's memory.

## New Faculty

**Dr. Stephanie Hartz** is the new biology professor, succeeding David Johnston, who entered active military service after the 1998-99 school year.

Dr. Hartz earned her Ph.D. degree in molecular and cellular biology from the University of Maryland at Baltimore County, after earning a bachelor's degree in biology from Towson University.

She spent the past year and a half as a visiting assistant professor at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., teaching genetics, cellular biology and biology.

Dr. Hartz came to know the Lord as a graduate student. "After I was saved, I was discipled by a young-earth creationist. "She challenged me concerning many of the creation issues. After I read and re-read Genesis, I couldn't accept an old earth."

Bryan's commitment to the biblical account of creation, plus the opportunity to work with Dr. Kurt Wise, director of Origins Studies, led her to apply for her new position.

Dr. Hartz will teach biochemistry, introductory biology for non-majors and a research seminar this fall. When she's not teaching, she enjoys listening to Christian and classical music and playing the cello.

**Dr. Beth Impson** is the new English professor, succeeding Dr. Richard Cornelius who retired at the end of the 1998-99 school year.

Dr. Impson comes to Bryan from Belhaven College in Mississippi, where she taught for two years after teaching at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan., and Southwest Missouri State following completion of graduate school.

She earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas, specializing in rhetoric and composition. Her literary specialty is Victorian literature.

Dr. Impson and her husband, Keiller, are the parents of five children, one of whom is still at home.

She learned about the opening at Bryan from an advertisement in *World Magazine*, a publication she serves as a cultural correspondent, writing book and video reviews.

This fall she will teach Freshman English, remedial English, introduction to literature and advanced composition.

**Mr. Bruce Morgan** is the new dean of students. He is a 1992 graduate of Bryan and most recently taught at Lakeland Christian School in Lakeland, Fla.

**Dr. Geoffrey Bays** will serve as part-time instructor in music. He is a graduate of Yale University and earned his D.Mus. in piano performance from Florida State University.

**Mr. Marc Bramlage** is a part-time instructor in physical education. He received his B.S. in physical education from Eastern Kentucky University and the M.S. degree in exercise science from Miami University (Ohio).

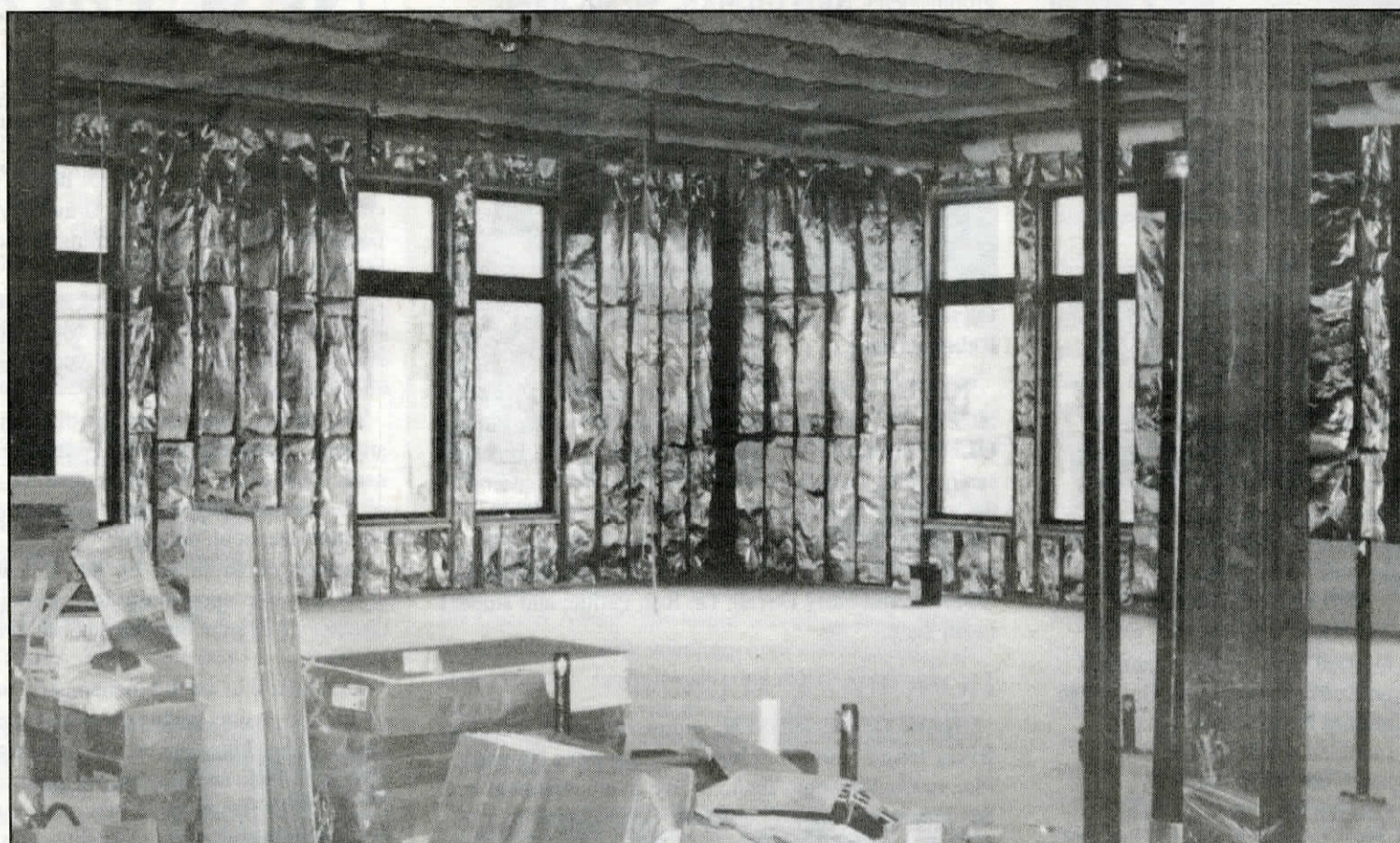
**Mr. John Carpenter**, a 1986 graduate of Bryan College, is the new *Triangle* advisor.

**Miss Tara Luther**, a 1996 graduate of Bryan College, is a part-time instructor in English and resident director for Long residence hall. She also earned an M.A. degree in teaching English as a second language from Columbia International University.

**Mrs. Kelly Luther Stults**, a 1993 Bryan graduate, is a part-time voice instructor. She earned the M.M. degree from Bob Jones University.



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